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GRANT AND COLFAX.

The Senate and House in Joint Convention.

Declaration of the Vote for President and Vice-President.

Attempts to Throw Out the Votes of Louisiana and Georgia.

Exciting Debates Amid Scenes of Great Confusion.

A Series of Lively Colloquies Between Wade and Butler.

The Sergeant-at-Arms Called upon to Restore Order.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

One of the most extraordinary days in Congress of which the annals bear record closed to-night at 6 o'clock. The process of counting the electoral vote, which ordinarily has been a scene of comparative little interest, was to-day invested with not only interest, but an excitement rarely, if ever, witnessed on the floors of Congress. Certainly it is safe to say that no like scene has ever been heretofore witnessed on any like occasion since 1821, in the memorable case of Missouri, when JOHN RANDOLPH played the part which BUTLER assumed to-day, and when the Joint Convention was acting under a concurrent resolution regarding the State of Missouri, almost identical in its terms with the resolution of the two Houses of to-day, regarding the State of Georgia, and upon which this resolution was based; yet the record of that scene, though it showed the high temper and defiant language of Mr. RANDOLPH, and was accompanied by much confusion and disorder, was apparently free from the blunders, insults and bursts of passion which have marked the Joint Convention of to-day. To do justice to it in all its dramatic, and yet ludicrous details, would be an impossibility. It is possible only for the eye-witness to fully appreciate its stormy, acrimonious and disgraceful character.

Long before noon the galleries began to fill with spectators, and when the House convened hundreds upon hundreds were being turned away without admission. Immediately after prayer the gallant Mr. FARNSWORTH, ever mindful of the comfort of the ladies, moved that they be admitted to the cloak-rooms. This was agreed to, as a matter of course, but instead of occupying the cloak-rooms, the chairs and sofas of the cloak-rooms were brought into the area in the rear of member's desks, and were at once filled by hundreds of anxious and curious women. In a moment more they overflowed into legislative chairs, and the perimeter of the circle of seats was speedily fringed with all the rich and varied colors of gay and fashionable Winter toilets, contrasting finely against the sombre black of the law-makers who sat in the foreground. Ribbons and furs and gloves and flowers got badly mixed up with bills on reconstruction, plans to resume specie payments, projects to increase the tariff, twenty per cent. resolutions and schemes for the annexation of San Domingo. A glove and a bunch of rosebuds were sent up to the Speaker's desk by an absent-minded member by mistake for an humble constituent's petition; and the only regret is that all the mistakes that followed during this eventful afternoon were not as harmless.

The House began the transaction of business in order, which was the New-York and Washington Air-Line Railroad bill. It was taken from the Speaker's table, and the yeas and nays were called on a motion to lay it on the table, which having failed, the Speaker announced that the near approach of the time for the Joint Convention of the two Houses precluded the transaction of further business. Chairs had been provided for the Senate on the right of the Speaker, in the Democratic segment of the House semi-circle. At precisely 1 o'clock the Senate and the officers of the Senate appeared and were ushered to their seats. Vice-President WADE took the Speaker's chair as Presiding Officer of the Joint Convention; the Tellers, consisting of Senator CONKLING and Representatives JAMES F. WILSON and PRUYN, took their seats at the Clerk's desk, flanked on either side by Mr. Secretary GORHAM, of the Senate, and Mr. Clerk MCPHERSON, of the House; Mr. Speaker COLFAX took position on the dais immediately at the left of Mr. WADE, with the digest in his hand and his fingers on what has today become the historical twenty-second joint rule of the two Houses. Expectation now became eager, and the movements of the Presiding Officer and the tellers bore the scrutiny of every curious eye. The bundle of envelopes containing the electoral votes was on the desk of Mr. WADE, and the first seal broken was that of New-Hampshire, whose certificate was read in Mr. CONKLING'S most distinct tones, and her five votes duly recorded for GRANT and COLFAX. Massachusetts followed next, with the same result, and then it was suggested that the reading of the certificates *in extenso* be omitted, and that the tellers simply announce what they found to be the result of the certificates in their hands. This was accepted, and Mr. WILSON then announced the vote of the States of Rhode Island, Vermont, and Connecticut. New-York having been reached, Mr. CONKLING handed it with a bland smile to Mr. PRUYN, who received it with that serene complacency and happy expression for which he is so distinguished, beaming all over with satisfaction, and adjusting his eye-glasses to a focus that would admit of no mistake in the figures, he read in distinct and triumphant tones the announcement that New-York had cast her thirty-three votes for HORATIO SEYMOUR and FRANCIS P. BLAIR, JR. The wrapt attention of the House and spectators changed to smiles, then to suppressed laughter, and then to a bustling sensation, spreading all over the Chamber, enjoyed by none more than by Mr. PRUYN, whose presence of mind was regained, and his unctuous expression still further increased by the votes of New-Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, which followed, and which put SEYMOUR and BLAIR decidedly ahead as far as heard from, and formed a good basis for Democratic election returns. But Pennsylvania came in with her solid Republican column and turned the scale, and the count went on, overleaping the very mother of Presidents, and dropping the Carolinas into the column for GRANT and COLFAX. Next came Kentucky and more happiness for Mr. PRUYN, then Tennessee and Ohio, which made the column preponderantly loyal. Then the pelican seal of the State of Louisiana was broken, and Mr. MULLINS, of Tennessee, shot out of his seat like a Jack-in-a-box and yelled, "Mr. President, I object." He called for the reading of the full certificate, which being done, he reiterated his objection. This was an unexpected phase. Everybody looked astonished, and everybody looked daggers at MULLINS. Expostulations began to pour upon him, and he shrank back in his seat almost appalled at the sensation he had created. The judicial dry bones of Pennsylvania, in the person of Mr. WOODWARD, then vitiated Mr. MULLINS' objection by raising the point of order that it was not in writing. The point was sustained, and pending some side talk, Mr. MULLINS had somebody write out the objection for him, and it was sent up and read. Then the twenty second joint rule came in force, the Senate retired to its own Chamber, and the House resumed its individual functions. There was an effort to talk, but the Speaker ruled nothing in order but the decision of the question: "Shall the vote of Louisiana be counted?" The roll-call went speedily on, and the House decided, yeas 136, nays 63, that the vote should be counted. There was a flurry of points of order then to know what was in order, but the Speaker decided that nothing was in order, save by unanimous consent. Objections kept out business, and at 2:15 the decision of the Senate, also to count the vote, was announced, and immediately thereafter the Senate reëntered.

The count was resumed without incident, except that Nevada was found to be informal, until the envelope containing Georgia's vote was reached, purposely reserved until the last. Up jumped the wary BUTLER and demanded the reading of the certificates in full. Mr. PRUYN complied with a degree of polite celerity that ought to have appeased BUTLER, but it did not. Fire was in his eye, and he showed fight from the very start.

He promptly sent up his objections in writing, and Mr. WADE began to get perplexed. There was the concurrent resolution of Monday, declaring just how the vote of Georgia should be counted; then there was the twenty-second joint rule, declaring that any member might object to counting the vote of any State, and thereupon each House must decide it separately. Common sense began to dawn upon Mr. WADE'S not over-luminous comprehension, and he announced that he was disposed to hold the two Houses to what they had done, and when somebody asked him to state the effect of the concurrent resolution on Georgia, he gravely announced that the decision of the two Houses was that if Georgia did not alter the result the vote was to be counted. If it did alter the result, the vote was not to be counted. This too liberal interpretation of the resolution was received with shouts of long-continued laughter, spreading all over the House like a contagion, and suspending all business for several moments. The Democrats seemed to enjoy the *lapsus linguæ* with great zest, and accepted it as a practical satire upon the action of the Republican Party. While this scene was subsiding, BUTLER stood firmly in his place, demanding to be heard. Points of order shot like rockets from every part of the floor. Mr. WADE'S gavel kept moving up and down in a spasmodic manner, only adding to the confusion. Mr. DRAKE threw another element of confusion into Mr. WADE'S disordered mind by making the point that the electors in Georgia had not met on the day prescribed by law, which was a point not covered by the concurrent resolution passed with special reference to that State. BUTLER still stoutly insisted that his objection was in order, and Mr. WADE, never brilliant as a Parliamentarian, here committed an unhappy blunder, from which resulted, though it did no justify the turbulent scenes which followed Instead of holding the Joint Convention sternly up to the force of the concurrent resolution, as he at first seemed disposed to do, he wavered, and finally decided that in consequence of Mr. BUTLER'S objection, the Senate must retire, and each House settle the question for itself. This was the beginning of an inevitable muddle. BUTLER pressed his objection in the House, and the call of the roll soon resulted in a decision that Georgia should not be counted by a vote of yeas 41, nays 150, a strict party vote. The Senate was not immediately heard from, and by unanimous consent a great deal of unimportant business, wherewith some of the committees stood charged, was disposed of, and Mr. WASHBURNE got in the Deficiency bill from the Committee on Appropriations.

In the Senate a scene of confusion, almost unparalleled in that gave body, was being enacted. Mr. WADE was utterly unable to preserve order, and two dozen Senators were on their feet at the same moment. BUTLER appeared on the floor, advocating among Senators such action as would sustain his position and objections. At one time there was an evident disposition on the part of some Senators to reverse their action in the matter of the concurrent resolution, but finally it was agreed to adhere to it, and it was decided that the objections which BUTLER had made in the House were out of order, because the case of Georgia was expressly provided for by the concurrent resolution. Mr. WADE appealed for instructions as to what his course should be in the Joint Convention, and Mr. SHERMAN expressed serious doubts that the vote of the College would be declared today, owing to the evident bad spirit which had sprung up between the two branches on this question. Mr. CONKLING was inclined to think that it would be useless to return to the House, but no other course seemed open, and at 4:15 the Senators again entered the Hall of the House, and took their seats. Mr. WADE announced, by direction of the Senate, that BUTLER'S objection was out of order, and Georgia would be counted. This brought things to a climax. BUTLER shook with rage and demanded to know if his objection was overruled. Mr. WADE said it was, and BUTLER said he appealed from that decision. Mr. WADE said There was no appeal, and at this announcement the storm burst with full force. BUTLER grew black in the face, and regardless of all attempts to silence him, demanded to be heard. Scores of members sprang to their feet, each with a point of order. The gavel of the presiding officer rapped for silence in vain. BUTLER elevating his voice above the din, still demanded that his appeal should be heard. At every demonstration he made, SAULSBURY, of the Senate, well soaked with liquor, sprang from his seat and objected. INGERSOLL and other members of the House, stung by what they believed to be the Senate's insult in attempting to overrule the House decision, remained on their feet and acted as faithful allies of BUTLER. The uproar increased. DOOLITTLE demanded, in tones of thunder, which seemed by their very volume to force their way into and clear up confused minds, that the only thing in order should be proceeded with Vto wit, the declaration of the vote as provided by the concurrent resolution of the two houses. Storms of objections and cries of order proceeded from BUTLER and his followers. BANKS sought in vain to make a suggestion, but was silenced by cries of order from the Senate side. BUTLER still kept his feet, growing more insolent every moment. He demanded that the Senate be given leave to retire then, that nothing be done until the House got rid of "these interlopers," pointing to SUMNER, FESSENDEN and the rest of the Senate. This disgraceful language, coupled with his violent conduct, pulling up his sleeves as if he was in for a free fight, increased the uproar to such a pitch that Speaker COLFAX sprang to his feet and peremptorily ordered the Sergeant-at-Arms to arrest any member of the House who refused to obey the decisions of the Presiding Officer of the Joint Convention. Mr. ORDWAY at once advanced up the aisle where Mr. INGERSOLL was standing, still vociferating, and placed him under arrest. BUTLER dropped into his seat like lead. But cries of order, cat-calls and yells still continued, during which Mr. CONKLING began to read the result, as recorded by the tellers. At first he could scarcely be heard because of the disorder, but the mandate of the speaker having been obeyed, and the proximity of the Sergeant-at-Arms to BUTLER keeping him still, order was gradually restored, and by the time Mr. CONKLING had concluded matters were comparatively quiet.

Several Senators acting as prompters to Mr. WADE immediately called on him to declare the result, which he did in accordance with the exact terms of the joint rule and resolution governing these proceedings. Then making another unfortunate slip of the tongue, which convulsed the whole chamber with laughter. Mr. WADE announced that the Joint Convention having accomplished the business that brought them here they will return to the Senate chamber. This BUTLER and his friends thought was too true, for they had persistently asserted that in this matter the Senate was endeavoring to force its own decisions upon the House.

Immediately upon the retiring of the Senate. The Speaker asked leave to make a statement, which cleared up the confusion very decidedly. Mr. BUTLER offered, as a question of privilege, a resolution declaring that the act of the presiding officers of the joint convention was a gross act of oppression and tyranny, and the House should protest against it. He then proceeded to make a speech in defence and justification of his action. Mr. DAWES was called to the chair, and the Speaker took his seat upon the floor. Mr. BUTLER went on to depict the dangers which might arise from such a course as was pursued to-day, and in so doing he drew a hypothetical case where possibly the next presiding officer of the joint Convention might himself be the candidate for President, and might thus unwarrantably declare himself elected. This was a direct stab at COLFAX, who sprang to his feet for a reply, but BUTLER refused to yield, and closed by calling the attention of Mr. COLFAX to how undemonstrative he became after the Speaker placed him under the surveillance of the Police.

He then yielded to Mr. SHELLABARGER, who yielded to Mr. COLFAX, who, in a brief and well-tempered speech, replied to Mr. BUTLER, explaining and defending the action of the presiding officer of the Convention, and whittling BUTLER'S arguments down to nothing. The poise and temper of Mr. COLFAX were in admirable contrast to the passion, inundoes and insults of BUTLER.

At the conclusion of Mr. COLFAX'S remarks, Mr. SHELLABARGER yielded to a motion to adjourn, and the matter will therefore come up again to-morrow immediately after the reading of the journal.

The only action of the Senate subsequent to the Convention was the appointment of a committee of one on its part, Mr. MORTON, to inform the President and Vice-President of their election.

So ended a day which should have been characterized by a joyous and triumphant acclaim of the peaceful result achieved at the polls, and which should have been symbolized by the words of our leader, "Let us have Peace." That the unfortunate mistaks in the ruling were the cause of much confusion is true, but the disgraceful, indecent and insulting conduct of BUTLER, who was the head and front of all this offending, were in the highest degree reprehensible.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

ST. DOMINGO NEGOTIATIONS.

The Envoy of the Dominican Republic, now in Washington, says the Government he represents has no confidential agent in this country other than himself, unless an unexecuted commission to negotiate a small loan for President BAEZ, now of some months' standing, gives him that position, and that no one has authority from his Government to state its indebtedness apart from his instructions upon the subject. It is not true, as stated, that advices have been received from the highest official sources that President BAEZ and the Dominican people would accept unconditional annexation. No such proposition has been made. The mission of Mr. AUGENARD is a plain one, with which he alone is intrusted, and its object is sought to be attained by none of the devious ways of diplomacy. It is free from disguise or concealment, and is in no wise, directly or indirectly, connected with any of the speculative jobs, land grants or other schemes, with which efforts are made to associate it. The Envoy says the interference of any one with its purpose is wholly unwarranted, and as damaging as it is manifestly indelicate and improper.

NOMINATIONS BEFORE THE SENATE.

There are now one hundred and eighty-eight nominations for civil offices before the Senate for action and four hundred and ninety-five nominations of a military character, and eight pertaining to the naval service. Thus far, during the present session, the Senate have acted on only eleven names for civil appointments, while none of the army nominations, three hundred and forty-three of which are for brevets, have been disposed of. The navy has received more attention, only eight of one hundred and seventy-nine nominations remaining for action.

TROOPS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Gov. HOLDEN, of North Carolina, on behalf of the loyalists of that State, has telegraphed the North Carolina Senators to oppose any bill reducing the Federal army, which may result in a reduction of the garrison in that State.

MISSISSIPPI RECONSTRUCTION.

A very important vote was taken to-day in the Committee on Reconstruction, the propositio being to admit the State of Mississippi with its present Government, and with the Constitution framed for it by the last Convention, but voted down by the people. The vote in the Committee stood for the proposition: BINGHAM, NORRIS and FAINE, 3. Against it—BOUTWELL, BROOKS, BECK, BEAMAN and FARNSWORTH.

THE SUPREME COURT.

The following-named cases will be argued in the Supreme Court to-day:

No. 83—Seymour et al. *vs.* Price; argument concluded.

No. 34—Durant, appellant, *vs.* The Essex County Company; the contest is concerning real estate in Massachusetts; case argued.

No. 30—Agawam Woolen Company *vs.* Jordan; a suit to recover for the alleged infringement of a patent for improvement in the manufacture of wool; argument commenced.

CONSUL RECOGNIZED.

The President has recognized CARLOS PIE as Consul of Spain at New-Orleans.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Mr. TIPTON presented a memorial of the Mayor of Washington and others, asking for the incorporation of the Industrial Home of the District of Columbia.

Mr. SUMNER presented a petition of citizens of West Virginia for the removal of political disabilities. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE SENATOR FROM MARYLAND.

Mr. WHYTE presented the credentials of his successor, W. T. HAMILTON, Senator elect from Maryland.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Mr. RAMSEY called up the joint resolution amendatory and declaratory of the act to establish an ocean line of mail steamships between New-York and Europe, which was read.

Mr. COLE said the matter was too important to be considered by so thin a Senate.

Mr. HENDRICKS thought the bill had better lie over. The object seemed to be to get hold of the Government bonds before the Company had begun to build even a single vessel.

Mr. RAMSEY said that the bill was designed to further American interests. The amount of bonds to be given was based upon the sea postages, and when the parties sent to the Postmaster General in January last to get the bonds under the act, they were refused. The Senate well knew that there was not a single line of American steamships to Europe. He had a further amendment to offer, which he thought would remove all objection.

The bill was then laid over.

Mr. ROBERTSON introduced a bill to grant the right of way to the Memphis and El Paso Railroad Company.

THE PAY OF REVENUE COLLECTORS.

On motion of Mr. SHERMAN, the bill to allow to the Deputy Collectors and Assistant Assessors of Internal Revenue the pay of Collectors and Assessors when they perform the duties of those offices, in cases where there is no Collector or Assessor also to be paid, was then taken up and passed.

SECRET SALES OF GOLD.

Mr. MORGAN, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably without amendment the bill to prohibit the secret sales of gold or bonds on the account of the United States and for other purposes, introduced by Mr. CONKLING, Jan. 21.

IMPORTATION OF MACHINERY.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, from the same Committee, reported favorably the House bill to authorize the importation of machinery for repair only, free of duty.

THE RIGHT OF WAY.

Mr. ROBERTSON introduced a bill granting the right of way to the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company, from El Paso, Texas, to the Pacific Ocean. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

APPRAISEMENT OF IMPORTS.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to take up the House bill to regulate the appraisement and inspection of imports in certain cases. Carried. The bill was briefly discussed by Messrs. HOWE and SHERMAN.

COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

At 12:50 a message was received from the House announcing that they were ready to receive the Senate for the purpose of counting the electoral vote for President and Vice-President.

Mr. MORTON moved to proceed at once to the House.

Mr. TRUMBULL moved to amend the motion so as to proceed at 1 o'clock, which was lost.

MORTON'S motion was then carried; so at 12:55, the Senate proceeded to the House.

At 1:35 o'clock the Senate, in procession, returned to the Senate Chamber.

The PRESIDENT—The Senate will come to order. The Secretary will read the objection which raises a question for the decision of the Senate.

The Secretary read as follows:

"Objection was raised to any count of the votes certified from the State of Louisiana, and the question was raised in regard to them that no valid election for President and Vice-President of the United States has been held in said State."

Mr. HENDRICKS—Mr. President, I move that it is the judgment of the Senate that the vote be counted.

Mr. TRUMBULL—It had better be put in the form of a resolution. I offer this resolution:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Senate that the vote of the Electors of the State of Louisiana ought to be counted.

Mr. HOWARD—Before the Senate proceeds to inquire whether the validity of the election in Louisiana admits of any proof or discussion here—

The PRESIDENT *pro tem.*—No debate is admissable.

Mr. CONNESS asked for a reading of the objection, which was again read.

Mr. HOWARD inquired whether that was all the evidence on the subject before the Senate.

The Chair replied that it was all.

Several amendments were here successively offered changing the phraseology of that resolution, whereupon the Chair remarked, amid the laughter of the Senate, "we are going to have a time; let everybody prepare an amendment."

Mr. MORTON moved the following substitute:

Resolved, That while we have reason to believe, from common report and information, that the late Presidential election in Louisiana was carried by means of fraud, still, there being no legal evidence before the Senate on that subject, the electoral vote of Louisiana ought to be counted.

The substitute was not agreed to, as follows:

AYES—Messrs. Cameron, Cattell, Chandler, Conkling, Harris, Howard, Kellogg, McDonald, Morgan, Morrill of Vermont, Morton, Pomeroy, Ross, Sherman, Sprague, Stewart, Tipton, Wade, Williams—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Cameron, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Dixon, Ferry, Fessenden, Harlan, Harris, Howe, McCreery, Morrill of Maine, Morrill of Vermont, Morton, Patterson of New-Hampshire, Patterson of Tennessee, Ross, Saulsbury, Sawyer, Sherman, Sprague, Stewart, Tipton, Vickers, Whyte, Williams—21.

Mr. HOWARD offered the following:

Resolved, That the electoral vote of Georgia ought not to be counted.

Mr. WILLIAMS made the point that this was out of order, because inconsistent with the resolution just adopted.

The Chair decided that it was in order.

Mr. WILLIAMS appealed from the decision of the Chair, which, however, was sustained by a vote of 37 yeas to 29 nays.

Mr. HENDRICKS rose to debate the resolution offered by Mr. HOWARD.

The Chair ruled that it was not debatable.

Mr. HENDRICKS insisted that it was debatable, being an independent resolution of the Senate not based upon any objection raised in the Joint Convention.

The Chair ruled that the Senator from Indiana was out of order.

The question was then put upon Mr. HOWARD'S resolution, and it was rejected by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Cameron, Cole, Conkling, Chandler, Drake, Harlan, Harris, Howard, Howe, Kellogg, McDonald, Nye, Osborn, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Sawyer, Spencer, Stewart, Sumner, Thayer, Wade, Wilson, Yates—28.

NAYS—Messrs. Buckalew, Conness, Corbett, Cragin, Davis, Dixon, Doolittle, Edmunds, Ferry, Fessenden, Fowler, Freilinghuysen, Grimes, Hendricks, McCreery, Morgan, Morrill of Maine, Morrill of Vermont, Morton, Patterson of New-Hampshire, Patterson of Tennessee, Ross, Saulsbury, Sherman, Sprague, Tipton, Trumbull, Van Winkle, Vickers, Warner, Whyte, Willey, Williams—34.

On motion of Mr. EDMUNDS the Secretary was directed to inform the House of the action of the Senate and then, at 4:40, the Senate again proceeded to the hall of the House.

At 4:45 the Senate returned to the Senate Chamber.

Mr. MORTON offered a resolution for the appointment of a member of the Senate, to be with two members of the House of Representatives a Joint Committe of three, to wait on Gen. GRANT and SCHUYLER COLFAX, and inform them of their election as President and Vice-President respectively. Adopted.

The Chair appointed Mr. MORGAN as the Senate member of the Committee.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to take up the Currency bill, but Mr. CHANDLER objected and moved to adjourn, and at 4:40 the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

This being the day when the formality of counting the electoral vote for President and Vice-President of the United States takes place in the House of Representatives, there was a great pressure to obtain seats in the galleries long before noon. Every position in those portions of the gallery that were open to the public was occupied. The doorways were blocked up, and the corridors were thronged with persons seeking to gain admittance. Many ladies occupied places in the gentlemen's gallery facing the Speaker's chair. Two rows of seats in the ladies gallery on the southeastern side, were reserved for families of the President and Vice-President. The southwest gallery was occupied exclusively by ladies of the families of Members and Senators. There were only some half dozen persons in the diplomatic gallery. But very few colored persons were present. No special arrangements were made in the Hall for the accommodation of Senators, the intention being to let them occupy the seats of members next to the Speaker's Chair.

PRAYER.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Chaplain, (Mr. BOYNTON,) who alluded to the special duty of the day in these terms:

"We beseech Thee that they who are so soon to be declared, as we expect, elected to the two chief offices of the country, may be endowed as with a double portion of Thy spirit; that in their ways they may remember first of all their God, their Judge; and may they, as rulers, in the name of God remember the account which they must give of their ruling on the last day to Him by whom they have been appointed. May everything that they shall do be so done as to establish union by a stable prosperity in the land. We bless Thee that such a declaration as will be made to-day will not be, as it was a short time since, the precursor of separation and civil war, with all their train of horrors. We bless Thee that we are allowed to believe that this day will inaugurate an era of peace and universal joy, joy in each other, trust in our magistrates and legislatures and union among those who rule over us."

LADIES ADMITTED TO THE FLOOR.

The journal of yesterday was then read.

Mr. FARNSWORTH asked, and obtained, the consent of the House to have ladies admitted to the cloak-rooms.

The practical effect of the permission was to have the spaces in the hall outside of the ranges of the members' chairs immediately occupied by ladies, and in many instances to have the chairs of members so occupied.

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE.

Mr. SCHENCK, at 12:40 o'clock, offered a privileged resolution directing the Clerk to inform the Senate that the House was in session ready to receive that body for the purpose of proceeding to open the votes of the Electors of the several States for President and Vice-President. Adopted.

The New-York and Washington Air-Line Railroad bill came up as the first matter in order.

Mr. PHELPS moved to lay it on the table. Negatived—yeas 62, nays 111.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SENATE.

Further proceedings on the bill were interrupted by the proximity of the hour for the joint meeting of the two Houses, and the Speaker had the rule read which regulates the arrangement of the hall for such purposes. The rule directs seats to be provided as follows: For the President of the Senate, the Speaker's chair; for the Speaker, the chair immediately on his left; for the Senators, in the body of the hall on the right of the presiding officer; for the Representatives, in the body on the hall not occupied by the Senators; for the Tellers, Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, at the Clerk's desk; for the other officers of the two Houses, in front of the Clerk's desk, and on either side of the Speaker's platform. In accordance with this rule the Speaker stated that the first five spheres of seats in the southeastern quarter were reserved for the Senate, and he requested members to vacate them and occupy seats in other portions of the hall. This order had hardly been carried out before the Doorkeeper announced the Senate of the United States.

ARRIVAL OF THE SENATE.

The Senators advanced two by two up the main aisle, the members of the House standing meanwhile, and took seats in the portion of the hall assigned to them. Senator WADE, Presiding Officer of the Senate, took the Speaker's chair and the Speaker took a chair beside him and to his left; Senator CONKLING and Representatives WILSON, of Iowa, and PRUYN, of New-York, occupied places at the Clerk's desk as tellers.

The Presiding Officer, without any preliminary motion or formality, handed to the tellers the electoral vote of New-Hampshire open; Senator CONKLING read the certificates in full, the result being that New-Hampshire had given for ULYSSES S. GRANT, of Illinois, 5 votes for President; for SCHUYLER COLFAX, of Indiana, 5 votes for Vice-President.

Senator SUMNER and Representative WASHBURNE, of Illinois, rose at the same moment and addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER.—If there be no objection, the reading of formal certificates will be omitted, unless required by some members.

Mr. SUMNER—I was going to make that motion.

The vote of Massachusetts, 12, was announced by Senator CONKLING, and the votes of Rhode Island and Connecticut, 6, and Vermont, 5, by Representative WILSON, of Iowa, for GRANT and COLFAX.

The vote of New-York was then announced by Representative PRUYN as 33 for HORATIO SEYMOUR, of New-York, for President, and FRANK P. BLAIR, JR., of Missouri, for Vice-President. The announcement appeared to cause considerable amusement on the floor and in the galleries; but there was no violation of propriety, nothing but a very palpable suppression of a tendency to indulge in a laugh. The vote of New-Jersey was next announced by Representative PRUYN—7 for SEYMOUR and BLAIR. The vote of Pennsylvania was next announced by Senator CONKLING—26 for GRANT and COLFAX. The votes of Delaware, 3, and of Maryland, 7, were announced by Representative PRUYN as cast for SEYMOUR and BLAIR. In the certificate from Maryland there was an omission of the word "Junior" in the name of Mr. BLAIR, which omission, on its being made known, caused some laughter.

Representative WOOD appealed to the Chair to preserve order in the assembly.

The votes of North Carolina, 9, and South Carolina, 6, were announced by Representative WILSON as being given for GRANT and COLFAX.

The vote of Kentucky, 11, was announced by Representative PRUYN for SEYMOUR and BLAIR. The votes of Tennessee, 10, and Ohio, 21, were announced by Representative WILSON for GRANT and COLFAX.

The Presiding Officer having handed to the teller the vote of Louisiana,

Representative MULLINS rose and said:

Mr. PRESIDENT: I ask the reading of the certificates accompanying that report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER—Let it be read.

The certificates of Louisiana were read by Representative PRUYN. The word "junior" is omitted in the name of Mr. BLAIR, and the word "States" is omitted in the term "United States."

The credentials having been read, Mr. MULLINS rose and said:

Mr. PRESIDENT: I object to the counting of the votes from the State of Louisiana.

The Vice-President directed reading of the twenty-second joint rule, which provides, that when in Joint Convention any question shall arise in reference to the counting of votes, the Senate shall thereupon withdraw, and the question shall be submitted to that body for its decision; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall in like manner, submit the question to the House.

Mr. ELDRIDGE, rising to a point of order, insisted that the rule was in violation of the direct terms of the Constitution, and he called attention to the twelfth amendment. The provision of the Constitution was: "That the President of the Senate should, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates, and that the votes should then be counted."

The PRESIDING OFFICER—This rule has been adopted by both Houses, and therefore the Chair will not entertain the question of order.

Mr. WOODWARD—I rise to a question of order, which I think will be entertained. I submit that the objection coming from the gentlemen from Tennessee, does not raise the question contemplated by that rule. There must be some specific objection made, and until such specific objection be made, there is no occasion for the Senate to retire.

The PRESIDING OFFICER—It will bd observed that the rule says, "If any question arise." An objection without any reason for it hardly appears to the Chair to be a reason; the reason will be stated in writing, so that the Chair may know what it is.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois—I hope the gentleman from Tennessee will withdraw the objection.

Mr. MULLINS—No, Sir, I cannot.

Senator SUMNER—I would inquire of the Chair whether we cannot pass over the count of Louisiana, informally, and proceed with the rest of the count.

Representative WOOD—Go on regularly, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER—No debate is in order until the resolution for the objection is presented.

Senator SAULSBURY—I call for the reason of the objection.

Some moral suasion was in the meantime being brought to bear upon Representative MULLINS to induce him to withdraw his objection, but without any effect. He sternly refused to withdraw it. A formal objection having been furnished to him, it was sent to the Clerk's desk and read, as follows:

"I object to any count of the votes certified from the State of Louisiana, and I raise the question in relation to it, that no valid election of Electors for President and Vice-President of the United States has been held in said State."

The PRESIDING OFFICER—Objection being made, the Senate will retire to its Chamber and deliberate on the objection according to the rules.

The Senators then, at 1:30, retired to the Senate Chamber amid considerable excitement and confusion.

The Speaker having called the House to order and the twenty-second joint rule read, and said that the question was, "Shall the vote of the State of Louisiana be counted?"

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois—Is it in order to move to lay the objection on the table.

The Speaker—It is not.

Mr. JONES, of Kentucky, demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The vote was taken, and resulted—yeas 137, nays 63—as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Allison, Ames, Axtell, Baker, Barnes, Barnum, Beaman, Beatty, Beck, Benjamin, Benham, Blaine, Blair, Boyden, Boyer, Bromwell of Illinois, Brooks, Broomall, Buckland, Burr, Butler of Tennessee, Cary, Chanler, Churchill, Coburn, Cullom, Delano, Deweese, Dickey, Dixon, Dockery, Dodge, Eggleston, Eldridge, Farnsworth, Ferry, Ferriss, Garfield, Getz, Gloesbrenner, Golladay, Gove, Gravely, Grover, Haight, Halsey, Hawkins, Heaton, Higby, Hill, Holman, Hooper, Hopkins, Hotchkiss, Hubbard of Iowa, Humphrey, Ingersoll, Jenckes, Johnson, Jones of North Carolina, Jones of Kentucky, Judd, Kelley, Kellogg, Kerr, Ketchum, Kitchen, Knott, Koontz, Ladin, Lasher, Lawrence of Pennsylvania, Lawrence of Ohio, Lincoln, Logan, Loughridge, Mallory, Marshall, Marvin, McCarthy, McCormick, McCullough, Miller, Moore, Moorhead, Mungen, Newcomb, Wblack, Nicholson, Norris, Nunn, Peters, Phelps, Pike, Plants, Poland, Polsley, Price, Pruyn, Randall, Raum, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schenck, Scofield, Selye, Shellabarger, Sitgreaves, Smith, Spalding, Starkweather, Stewart, Stokes, Stone, Taber, Taffe, Taylor, Thomas, Taft, Trimble of Tennessee, Trowbridge, Twichell, Van Auken, Van Horn of New-York, Van Trump, Washburne of Illinois, Washburn of Massachusetts, Welker, Wilson of Iowa, Wilson of Ohio, Windom, Wood, Woodbridge, Woodward, Young—137.

NAYS—Messrs. Ashley of Nevada, Ashley of Ohio, Banks, Benton, Blackburn, Boles, Boutwell, Bowen, Buckley, Butler of Massachusetts, Cake, Callis, Clarke of Ohio, Clarke of Kansas, Cliff, Cobb, Cooley, Covode, Dawes, Donnelly, Driggs, Eckley, Edwards, Ela, Eliot of Massachusetts, Elliot of Arkansas, Fields, French, Hamilton, Harding, Haughey, Hubbard of West Virginia, Hubbard of New-York, Hunter, Julian, Kelsey, Loan, Maynard, McKee, Morrell, Mullins, Newsham, O'Neill, Orth, Paine, Pelham, Peters, Pierce, Prince, Roots, Shanks, Stevens, Stover, Upson, Van Aernam, Van Horn of Missouri, Van Wyck, Vidal, Ward, Washburne of Indiana, Whittemore, Williams of Pennsylvania, Williams of Indiana—63.

While the vote was being taken, Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, addressed the Speaker and desired to submit a proposition.

The Speaker declined to entertain it.

Mr. LAWRENCE desired to make an objection to any announcement of the result of the vote.

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GEN. GRANT'S CABINET.

Taylor's Cabinet—The Issues in Grant's Election—Dangers of the Incoming Administration—The Senate—The Cabinet—Fit Men should be Chosen.

THE BEECHES, Friday, Feb. 5, 1869.

Just about twenty years ago Gen. TAYLOR arrived at Cincinnati on his way to Washington. It was a dry cold day, but tens of thousands of people assembled on the landing to greet him. Gov. VANCE and myself were two of the number. He being a friend and well known went on board the steamer and held a private conference with the President elect, and told me the Cabinet was nearly but not quite made. He mentioned the names to me, and it turned out that two at them were changed. Gen. GRANT is probably hardly as near his Cabinet as that, but he has, no doubt, most of his men selected. It is his own business, but I should like to make a remark on two points: the *kind* of Cabinet he ought to have, and the dangers his Administration is likely to encounter. Considerable mischief has already been done by an attempt to identify Gen. GRANT with the peculiar notions of WASHBURNE, WELLS, BANKS, &c. Now let me say some things, which do not proceed in the slightest degree from any interested motive, but are the results of a calm and long looking on the affairs of the nation.

1. Let us bear in mind distinctly *how* the last election was carried. It was carried distinctly on the war issues. The Democratic Party chose to be counseled by rebels and Copperheads and to accept their counsels. The result was the nomination of SEYMOUR and BLAIR, the one a Copperhead and the other worse than a Copperhead by his Brodhead letter. The Republican Party nominated GRANT, who was the embodiment of what may be defined the *loyalty* of the country. The issue was not uncertain. The result was almost precisely what I wrote to the TIMES, and you commented on, just after the Democratic nominations. It would have been *exact* to a figure but for the Louisiana affair. Well, in all that the Republican Party was united. But it was not united on the greenback question. On the contrary, thousands of Republicans every where agree substantially with the Democrats on that point. On the other hand, there were Republicans, such as the *Evening Post*, not very numerous, who are free-traders, and a few, like WASHBURNE, opposed to aiding public improvements in the public domain. In the school of political economy to which I belong they are "penny wise and pound foolish." You see, then, that the Republican Party are united on the war questions only; but how long can it remain united? It will depend on the future conduct of the Democratic Party. They will probably do all they can to keep the Republicans united, simply because, for the wise purposes of Providence, they have been struck with judicial blindness. But I think that between the 4th of March, 1869, and the 4th of March, 1873, there will be a new formation, or, more probably, a modification of parties. If there should be, will GRANT's Administration be put in a majority or minority by that change? We can scarcely tell more than we can of the state of parties in Europe; but one thing we can see, that if large sections of the Republican Party are to be thrown off by the injudicious action of GRANT's Cabinet, the Democrats may get a majority in the House of Representatives on the 4th of March, 1871. The Senate they cannot have. I may here remark that the Senate is greatly improved. Leaving out of view your New-York contest, the merits or demerits of which I do not understand, the election of BUCKINGHAM, SCOTT, CARPENTER, PRATT and BROWNLOW, in place of DIXON, DOOLITTLE, BUCKALEW, HENDRICKS and PATTERSON, is a most decided gain. We are getting rid, as fast as possible, of the last remnant of Johnsonism and of the few deluded men who supported it. I want to see men in the Senate like BROWNLOW, CARPENTER, MORTON, and others, who have both the courage and the ability to call the devil by the right name, and whom no President can cajole or threaten into submission. But let me proceed. If the attempt to make the Union Pacific Railroad a great monopoly, by refusing aid to others, succeeds, you will make six or seven Western States dissatisfied, and in the House of Representatives throw them into opposition. If you attempt to reduce the tariff in the West you will excite the hostility of the strongest combined interest in the United States. The West and the South are now both building up manufactures. Both have immense material to do it with, but labor is high there, and a little time is necessary to develop their great resources. As to the greenback question, we never had a currency so good or so popular as the greenbacks; and it is necessary to keep that, and gradually, by increasing the value of bonds, bring their gold value up. On the financial question the great point is to economize our resources, so as to pay every dollar of our obligations fairly and honestly. It will take great skill and careful management to do this. The resolutions of parties are nothing. They weigh nothing with the people. What are the people talking about? That is the question. Why, I saw a few days since a pamphlet by a leading and able man, showing that the public debt ought to be repudiated. What saves you from this class of men? The great agricultural population, who are honest and patriotic, and who are not taxed so high as other people.

You see, then, as clear as noon, that the policy of the incoming Administration should be simply this, to keep the Republican Party united by continuing the war policy wherever it is applicable. Had JOHNSON done this in 1865, it is quite probable that every important question would have been settled, and we should have arrived very nearly, if not quite, at specie payments. Politically speaking, we have lost three years. We have raised up the most corrupt body of public officials ever seen. We have scandalized the nation and the world. We have gone about buying, trying to steal, and proposing to annex, every useless island and territory on earth. We have done all this, because in an evil hour, and under the instigation of Satan, we nominated a Southern Democrat for Vice-President. By the way, I see HAMLIN is elected Senator, and I am glad of it; I want to see some reparation made for that awful political blunder. Well, what was the policy of the war? In 1862—in the darkest hour of the rebellion—Congress passed and LINCOLN signed, the act for the Pacific Railroad. Were they afraid of improving the public domain? At the same time the tariff was raised, and for the first time we began to realize what it is to raise a large revenue from foreign importations. We raised the revenue on foreign production, from twenty-five to about forty-seven per cent. on the average of foreign productions. It has acted like a charm. It has raised us $160,000,000 in gold. But it ought to be an average of sixty per cent. The revenue will increase up on about that point; concede that the tariff is made only for revenue; ought it not to be as high as will produce the most revenue? Have we anything we can raise revenue upon cheaper and better than that? Now then, let us continue the policy of the war. Let the Virginia Conservatives go home and smoke their pipes. We don't want them. But we do want their children. We want men bred in the atmosphere of freedom—who were not nursed upon negro nurses and supported by negro-breeding. Let Georgia and Louisiana know that the Government reigns, and not a set of scoundrels bred up in hostility to Yankees and negroes. But upon this point I don't fear GRANT in the least. He will let rebels know that if they escape hanging they will have cause to be thankful.

2. I now come to Cabinet making.

This is always a difficult thing to do, and Gen. GRANT has a perfect right to his own choice; but then I will give my ideas on this point. I am so old-fashioned, indeed, so utterly foolish, as to think that men ought to be appointed to office for their fitness. Only think of that? Well, perhaps we haven't men who are fit. Then we must do the best we can. Now suppose New-England is entitled to a Cabinet officer, who should it be? There is but one man in New-England who is decidedly above others, as a statesman, that is CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS—and if a New-England man is taken he ought to be the man for Secretary of State. BANKS has not been helped at all by the recent attempts to show that he so virtuously self-denied himself at Vicksburg. The public sees through that affair very clearly. Both ADAMS and BOUTWELL are much superior to BANKS, with whom the memory of Cedar Mountain and Red River will remain forever. BOUTWELL will do tolerably well, but he is not fit for anything so much as ADAMS is for Secretary of State, and I assure you such is the opinion of the calm observers in the West.

Gen. SCHOFIELD seems to be well qualified for Secretary of War; but military and civil offices ought not to be confounded. The lines of service should be kept distinct.

The office of Secretary of the Treasury is the hardest one to fill; but the reason is not what is generally supposed. You don't want a banker or a merchant Secretary of the Treasury. You can get a hundred of those at any minute. You want a broad, comprehensive statesman who comprehends the resources and wants of the country. Neither HAMILTON nor CRAWFORD nor DALLAS were bankers, merchants or placemen. They were statesmen who could understand and grasp the elements of public prosperity. But, above all, we want just now a man of rigid honesty—and not only honesty, but honor and courage—who would discharge most of our revenue officers at ten days' notice. I got a letter to-day from the rural districts, in which the writer says he thinks we would save a hundred millions of dollars by honest revenue officers. I am not so sanguine as that, but I think we might save a great deal.

Ohio has three or four men who would do well in the Treasury, and it is a good place to look for one, because Ohio men are all brought up to just, economical and statesmanlike views of public measures.

As to the Secretary of the Navy, he ought to be a New-Yorker man. He ought to know something about the cost of building ships and the expense of keeping them.

As to our foreign Ministers, they ought—half of them—to be withdrawn, and simple Consul-Generals appointed in that place, with power to call on the Navy when they get into difficulty. The diplomacy which lies at the cannon's mouth is the best of all diplomacy. BUTLER is right about that matter. Our foreign embassies are, most of them, made to pension off broken-down politicians. Look over the list and see for yourself.

I end where I began. Give us men fit for their places, and above all, upright, clear-headed men, who know something about the state of the country.

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

Life Insurance.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

SIR: In your strictures upon an editorial article in the *Tribune* you say:

"But what does the *Tribune* mean by its sweeping attack upon life insurance companies? Assertions like the following sound more like nonsense than intelligent warning: 'Always in premiums. In the companies which pay most, six-sevenths of their premiums are absorbed in rents, salaries of officers and profits. This is a heavy price to pay for taking care of and investing the nineteenth which goes to the insurer or his family at his death. In those companies which have the largest ratio of premiums to losses, only one dollar in thirty-two of the amounts paid in are ever repaid to the insurers.'

If this statement were true, or even approximately true, we might pronounce the life insurance companies of New-York bankrupt. Companies which on certain data, derived in part from the records of mortality, and in part from the cumulative power of compound interest, undertake to pay after the death of the insured, and which allow six-sevenths of their premiums to be absorbed in rents, salaries of officers and profits, cannot long continue in existence. They are, in fact, bankrupt already, and the Superintendent at Albany is guilty of dereliction of duty in allowing them to keep open their doors."

It is time the relations which life insurance sustains to the community should be more carefully and candidly analysed than they have heretofore been, and no soothing process can long prevent this service from being rendered. The assertion of the *Tribune*, above quoted, is essentially true, as may be seen from a "statement of life insurance companies doing business in New-York for the year ending Dec. 31, 1867, compiled by ENGLISH and WILMSHURST, editors of the *Insurance Times*, published as an insurance advertisement in the *Tribune* on Friday, April 10, 1868." This statement shows that the ratio of claims and expenses to total income is 28 61-100 per cent., and the ratio of claims paid to total income is only 13 15-100. According to the last percentage the average proportion of premiums which return to the insured and their families is $1 in $7 50. The company which paid the highest ratio of premiums, the Universal Life, organized in 1865, paid 22 30-100 per cent., or about $1 to the insured in $4 received, while the company which paid least, the Continental, organized in 1866, paid 3½ per cent., or $1 to the insured, out of $32 received, which exactly covers the statement made in the *Tribune*. These, however, it may be said, are new companies, and perhaps the more discreetly their business is conducted the less the proportion of losses to premiums which it ought to exhibit. Let us take, then, the oldest company established—the Mutual Life. This has been doing business twenty-four years, and it may fairly be presumed that if the insured are ever to come into the enjoyment of their share of the results of life insurance they must have begun to do so in this Company. Yet the Company received in premiums in 1867 $6,445,918, and in interest $1,334,567, making a total income of $9,780,485; out of which they paid claims amounting to only $839,837, or about $1 in $11 of the amount received during that year from the insured, while the expenses of management were $1,836,808, and the dividends were $2,461,116, nearly $4,000,000 in dividends and expenses and $800,000 to the widows and orphans of the insured. The $5,000,000 of surplus of income over dividends and claims paid went, of course, to swell the assets for future payment of the liabilities, which, meanwhile, had increased by $10,095,236. In this Company, which is, perhaps, the soundest of them all, the total assets are $23,995,057, which are liable for the ultimate payment of a total amount insured amounting to $60,387,286, the liabilities being three times the assets. Is life insurance essentially dependent for its solvency like OVEREND, GURNEY & Co., or Mr. Montague Tigg's Anglo Bengalee Mutual Loan and Benefit Company, upon its ability to continue forever increasing its future liabilities over its present assets, so as always to be able to declare handsome dividends, until its final crash, when the world will wake up in utter astonishment that anybody could have supposed such a state of business ever to have been solvent. In the Equitable Life the amount insured is nine times the total assets, and in the Continental about twelve times, though the total assets of all the companies are $134,296,487, as against $464,101,386, the amount insured. In order that such a business shall be declared solvent, it must be assumed that the insurance companies will still drive $8 from their insured for every $1 they are to pay to the insured on the policies now outstanding. If they did not, the Companies would now be insolvent, *i.e.*, they would owe more on their policies than their present assets and future premiums would enable them to pay. Life insurance in the State of New-York, therefore, may be summed up in this statement. Heretofore the insured have paid to the Companies eight times as much as their widows and orphans have received from them at their deaths, and hereafter those now insured must continue to pay them $8 in premiums to $1 in losses, on the policies now outstanding, or the Companies would be to-day insolvent—at the average. All these figures are furnished by the Insurance Companies themselves, there is no probability that they unfavorably represent their actual condition.

Neither our country nor its people can grow rich by betting against Insurance Companies on their early deaths. Even the point of view of the Political Economist, the entire investment is little better than capital invested in lotteries, or in the great and successful gambling-houses of Europe. It is a species of betting on or gambling in life which is now having a fearful advertising success, as all kinds of gambling and speculating are having theirs. Risky as these speculations are, they are often safer than productive industries, owing to the great rise in the cost of production caused by the effort of the country to exist upon resting on labor. But these nonproductive speculations only intensify the evil and increase the tax on labor and production. After all, the only road out of our heavy taxation and diminished production is by going to work, and producing new wealth instead of speculating in the wealth already existing. To this end every man, and especially every young man, should keep his capital under his own control instead of giving insurance companies six-sevenths of it in the hope that the remaining seventh will go to his widow should he leave one. Those who continue until they die able to pay up their policies, would, if they used their premiums in their business or as an aid to procure or maintain their business, be certain to leave their families fairly provided for. Those who do not continue able to pay up their policies only increase the destitution of their families by dying uninsured and minus the amounts they have wasted upon life companies. The common reply to all criticisms on life insurance is that if the insured had not used their money in this way they would have squandered it only right. This simply assumes that the masses of those who insure are incompetent to take care of their own money. We will not discuss this proposition; it assumes that in proportion as people misunderstand what to do with their money life insurance prospers.

STEWART, PEABODY or VANDERBILT had invested their first capital in insuring their lives, how small a result would it have been for their families compared with the fortunes which have grown out of their competency and determination to be their own capitalists, and to apply their capital in productive industry! While life insurance may be developed in future years into an economical mode of investment, it can only be by candid criticism and a reduction of 75 per cent. in the present rates of profit and expense attending it. V. E. D.

New-York Harbor.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In the article headed "New-York Docks," you, in saying much that is proper and true of the shameful condition of our piers and wharves, say what is not correct about what you call the "pocket," meaning Sandy Hook entrance to the harbor, as "one of the most dangerous localities on the Atlantic coast," which I utterly deny, and pronounce it to be one of the safest and best entrances of any port in the world; and the fact that over 10,000 vessels have entered the last year without accident, more than half without pilots, justifies my assertion.

As a boy I used to say that nothing but being blown ashore justified the loss of a vessel between Cape May and Montauk Point. Time has confirmed that opinion, and losses now are very rare upon this line of coast, as the soundings are regular, of moderate depth; and when in twelve fathoms water, not knowing your position, if thick, and near your port, by bearing to, head off shore, you are perfectly safe. The pilotage of this port is now so good that you can find pilots 300 miles east of Sandy Hook, and over 100 miles southeasterly from the same place.

Hell Gate should be cleared of its dangers, but it does not advance the doing of it by speaking against Sandy Hook. There are two points I am sensitive upon—the Gulf Stream and New-York Harbor. The Gulf Stream is always called in to aid the weather-wise predicters in their blunders, which are some. The last few beautiful days the Gulf will have the credit of, when it had no more to do with it than I had, as a more regular stream of water in its habits never flowed. Then as to our harbor, such a magnificent bay, or rather two of them; used for shad poles (these are done for now); things called piers—encroached upon, formerly by our City, now by New-Jersey—these abuses are sufficient to keep me indignant, without its character being disparaged in a newspaper.

If you choose to write upon the great political and moral nuisances of the day, SMITTHER, for instance, I am with you, but do not write ill of the Gulf or the harbor, unless you want me to bore your readers with an answer. G. W. B.

The East River Bridge.

NEW-YORK, Friday, Feb. 5, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I read with much interest a communication in your paper of this date respecting the East River Bridge, and cordially unite with the view therein presented, particularly that portion of it referring to a central pier. It is a well-known fact that iron subject to continual jarring or blows will, in the course of time, become granulated, and consequently weakened, and to make one span of 1,600 feet the strain will be enormous, and not only that, but it will be next to impossible to prevent the swaying to and fro of so long a structure from the action of winds, and even the whole fabric might possibly be overthrown in a violent gale. There are other important reasons why there should be a central pier. First, the cost of the bridge would be materially lessened thereby, for the reason that the cables would not require to be half so large and the shore piers would be much less elevated, and as a consequence less valuable property would be covered by the approaches. Second, such a structure would combine solidity, permanency and safety compared with the single span arrangement. One central pier would offer no obstacle to interfere with navigation. Our whole community is interested in this subject and it is well to ventilate it in time. With respect, AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY.

All the Civil Courts, except the Supreme Court Chambers, have adjourned over until Friday on account of the funeral of the late Hon. Jas. T. Brady, to-day.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Cardozo, J.

Contested motions will stand over till Friday. Court opens to-day (Thursday) at 1 P. M.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

The People vs. John Real; homicide. (Continued.)

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held by Recorder J. K. Hackett.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
1—	People vs. Peter Burke, alias "Rioter"	13—	People vs. Patrick Harrison; grand larceny.
2—	People vs. Thomas F. Donohue; robbery.	14—	People vs. Raymond Cabana; burglary.
3—	People vs. Thomas McMahon; burglary.	15—	People vs. Michael Beverly, alias William Riley; larceny.
4—	People vs. John Smith and Bernard Carroll; robbery.	16—	People vs. Henry Starr; felony.
5—	People vs. James Riley and Ammonia Cushman; burglary.	17—	People vs. Peter Groux; grand larceny.
6—	People vs. Thos. Ryan and Michael Loptus; felony.	18—	People vs. Bridget O'Neill and William Towers; grand larceny.
7—	People vs. Desidino Gonsales; felony.	19—	People vs. James W. Stephens, alias Griffin, alias Williams; grand larceny.
8—	People vs. Thomas Reidy; robbery.	20—	People vs. Julius Eck upon which there was no addressed; grand larceny.
9—	People vs. Mary Jane Tristram; grand larceny.	21—	People vs. Henry Thomas; grand larceny.
10—	People vs. Michael Mulligan; grand larceny.	22—	People vs. Amelia Appel; grand larceny.
11—	People vs. John Gregory, alias Adams, Chas. L. Morgan and John Hadden; burglary.	23—	People vs. Henry Schutz, James Gorman, Chas. Stevens; burglary
12—	People vs. Catherine Colson; grand larceny.		

CITY COURT, BROOKLYN—FEB. 11.

Nos.		Nos.	
87—	White vs. Beard.	127—	Davis vs. Roebuck.
94—	Gregory vs. Coffire.	128—	Hawthurst vs. Goulding.
114—	Smith vs. Butler.	130—	Ryan vs. Short.
117—	Housman vs. Vigi.	133½—	vs. ——.
119—	Briggs vs. Barwick.		
124—	Fugh vs. Lyons.		

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT,

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of Henry Bogart and Robert D. Evans, bankrupts.—In this case, before Register Fitch, where there were some thirty creditors, the majority of them objected to the proof of one claim as being a claim against Robert D. Evans individually, and not against the copartnership. The Register made an order allowing pertinent proof of the claim to be given in evidence by the claimant and the opposing creditors. Such proof was given, no contradictory evidence being offered, whereupon the Register allowed the claim for the amount given, and certified his action to this Court for its decision.

BLATCHFORD, J.—There is no doubt that the Register has power to summon [illegible] upon the satisfactory or unsatisfactory character of a proof of debt. But in respect to this, as to all other matters, the duties and powers of the Register are to be exercised in subordination to the provision of section 4 of the act which requires that in all matters where an issue of fact or of law is raised and contested by any party to the proceedings before the Register, it shall be the duty of the Register to cause the question or issue to be stated by the opposing parties in writing, and he shall adjourn the same into Court for decision by Judge. I do not perceive from the certificate that any issue was raised and contested as to the matter certified to me. The certificate would seem to be made rather under the first paragraph of section 4 than under section 4.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Benedict.

THE DEPUY CASE—NEW TRIAL DENIED.

The United States vs. *Jacob Depuy and Moses Depuy.*—The Court yesterday morning denied the motion for a new trial in the case of these defendants. The motion was made upon the ground that evidence had been excluded which tended to show that the defendants were connected with the transaction for which they were indicted and convicted merely for the purpose of exposing the conspiracy by which they claimed should have been admitted. The Court sustained its previous rulings, deeming the objections to them insufficient.

OTHER WHISKY CASES—DEFENDANTS NOT TO BE FOUND.

The United States vs. *Watson, Cravey et al.*—In this case the defendants Watson and Cravey were called, but did not appear. District-Attorney Courtney said that in accordance with the order of the Court on Monday, bench warrants had been issued against these defendants, but as they had not been served, as the defendants had declared that they would not be tried at this term of the Court, and were not to be found; and that he was in doubt as to what course to pursue. The Court said the proper course was to keep the warrants running and proceed against the bail.

The United States vs. *Leitzinger, Berringer & Cutlogher.*—In this case, which, similar in character to the above, the same state of facts exists as to the defendants Leitzinger and Berringer.

THE FULLERTON CASE—POSTPONEMENT.

The United States vs. *Fullerton et al.*—When this case was called Mr. Courtney said that he had been ready to go on yesterday, but that he had not been called, and that he had expected to go on with it at this time; but that he had received a letter from the Attorney-General giving him such directions that he was unable to move the case at present. Mr. Fenelon desired to know the nature of the communication from the Attorney-General, and when the case would be called again. Mr. Courtney said that he was not at liberty to disclose the contents of the letter at present, but that he had written to the Attorney-General on the matter, and, if he received directions to that effect, should move the case at the first opportunity.

INDICTMENTS FOR COUNTERFEITING.

The Grand Jury came into Court and presented indictments in several cases.

There are five indictments against Rosario Denero, one against Stephen Morabito, one against Lotario Molesto, and one against Joseph Santarelli, all for distributing counterfeit [illegible]

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—FEB. 10.

Before Judge Cardozo.

THE DECISION IN THE ERIE RAILWAY CASE—THE DIRECTORS HAVE POWER TO ISSUE CONVERTIBLE BONDS, AND TO CONVERT THEM INTO STOCK.

August Belmont vs. The Erie Railway Company.—The decision in this case, which has been long and anxiously looked for, was made public to-day, (Wednesday.) The opinion of Judge CARDOZO is very voluminous, covering about 110 pages of foolscap, closely written script. We have space merely for the principal statement of facts and the leading points of law decided. The first statement is as follows:

This motion came before the Court upon an application to open an order made at Special Term, to allow the defendants to introduce proofs, which they could not produce when the motion which resulted in that order was heard, and thereupon to hear the said motion anew, and if found to be required by law and justice to vacate the order previously entered; and declaring that the plaintiffs are not entitled to the relief they obtained, to deny their motion for the same. The Judge says this is a very ordinary proceeding, constantly occurring, and never before, so far as the books show, or as I have ever heard, occasioning any unusual excitement, and is the invoking of the jurisdiction which has been exercised by the Courts, undoubted and unquestioned, until now, for such a length of time that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." But that the power was upon the argument disputed, and apparently with sincerity, by most reputable counsel, I should scarcely have deemed it necessary to indicate authority in rule of practice which, I have no doubt, in one form or other, is acted upon by every Judge, probably many times during each term at which he presides at Chambers. But the point was thought of sufficient importance to have barely alluded to the elaborate opinion of Chief Justice Robertson, in the case of Smith *vs.* Spalding, (3 Robert. S. C. R., dis.) hereafter mentioned. But the question has been much more elaborately given to its argument, and therefore, perhaps, it will be wise to spend a little more time in examining the subject, so that by reviewing the authorities, the doubt now suggested to be cast upon this most important power or may be forever set at rest. I call it a most important power, because, if the position assumed be true, that when a motion has been once heard, and decided, there is no remedy against the order made, except that which an appeal will afford, then it will be found that the most flagrant injustice may often happen, without the possibility of the sufferer obtaining any redress. For instance, suppose that upon the papers presented to the Court the decision at Special Term was clearly right, must be affirmed on appeal; and yet there were facts, which, had the defeated party known them, or had he had an opportunity of exhibiting them to the Court, would have inevitably produced a different result. Can it be that he is reminded by an appeal will not aid him, for that must be heard upon the papers on which the motion was decided, and I am supposing the case of a motion correctly decided upon the papers as they appeared to the Special Term. A man advanced about a hundred cases, and that otherwise, several days would have elapsed before the motion could have been reached, which time they would have had for preparation. They also urge that the order to show cause, which was returnable on Monday, the 2d of November, at noon, gave leave to the plaintiffs to serve such other affidavits as they might desire on or before Saturday, the 31st day of November, at noon; and they say, (and I think justly,) that they cannot be charged with neglect in not fully preparing for the motion until they knew definitely what the opposing case was, and were to be required to meet it. The stenographer's minutes show also that the counsel for the defendants claimed that they worked diligently from the time that the papers for the motion were served, until 12 o'clock on Saturday night, devoting all the time they possibly could to the case. I think this position untenable. Some time after the argument in this case was certainly not chargeable to negligence upon the part of the defendants. Six days were certainly not very long, even if the defendants were bound to assume that no further papers would be served, or that if there were, they would not change the character of those to be drawn in opposition, for counsel to ascertain the facts, examine the law, and prepare their points and authorities. Then it was not a question upon which fact and law to discuss a decision involving such grave results and so many millions of dollars. Moreover, the counsel were not censurable for resting from their work on the Sunday intervening, for indeed would it have been inexcusable had they even delayed until the time limited by the order for the plaintiffs to serve additional papers had expired before commencing their labors. I do not mean to say that would have been right, but that it would have been neither extraordinary nor inexcusable. The defendants could not know that the privileges of serving further papers would not be availed of by the plaintiffs, and it is not very reasonable to expect a party to prepare his defence until his adversary has fully advised him what he is to answer. The additional papers might so alter the case that all labor directed to meeting the original papers might be useless. It is unjust to allow a moving party to cast the burden of double preparation upon his adversaries, under the penalty of being charged with gross negligence, when their only omission was an effort to avoid what might be proved to be superfluous labor. Moreover, I think the counsel had a clear right to rely upon the presumption that the causes would be heard in their regular order upon the calendar, and to act upon that belief in calculating how long they would have for preparation. I do not doubt that the Judge may advance a case, either upon motion or of his own volition. But parties, unless they are advised to the contrary in any particular case, have the right to assume that the regular order of business will prevail. Thus, doubtless, the Court might call up a cause at the foot of the Circuit calendar, which would regularly be reached perhaps a year or two hence; but will any one contend that it would be a surprise, and that if the party prejudiced should move to open the judgment, and show that, relying upon the fact that he would ordinarily have a year's notice, he had not got ready for the trial, and that he had no notice that the cause was thus to be advanced, the Court would make haste to give him relief? The principle is the same whether the time be a year or a day. It is a surprise in either instance. But it is argued that these considerations were all addressed to the Judge then holding the Special Term, and that he gave them such weight as he thought they deserved, and decided to proceed with the hearing, and that those matters cannot now be reconsidered. The Judge certainly did proceed, notwithstanding the strong reasons for the postponement; but it is manifest, from many of his remarks, that he did so with some hesitation about its propriety, for he several times stated that he should be inclined to continue the case, but for the proceedings taken in another suit, and he finally decided to go on because "it could do no harm;" doubtless meaning and understanding precisely what I did, the further papers which the defendants sought time to procure presented a proper case, they could obtain relief in precisely the way in which they subsequently, by the present motion, did obtain relief. But be this as it may, the defendants have the right to urge those grounds, whether taken before Judge Sutherland or not, as an excuse for their apparent neglect.

A very brief analysis of the pleadings and affidavits would show how justly these observations apply here; but the labor is unnecessary, because the one conceded fact that this case is prosecuted at the risk and expense of persons other than the nominal plaintiffs, introduces a new feature—not developed before Mr. Justice Sutherland—which upon reflection I feel decisive of the motion. I quote the language of Vice-Chancellor Sir W. Page Wood, in Fidler *vs.* London and Brighton South Coast Railway Company, (1 Hem. & Miller, p. 69,) an English case in the Vice-Chancellor's Court, whose the suit is, and the effect of the plaintiffs being the instrument in the hands of other interests. In that case it appeared that the plaintiff had been indemnified against the expenses of the suit. It appears here that Drew, Work and Schell have agreed with the plaintiffs to bear and pay the expenses of the litigation. The Vice-Chancellor said: "Instead of the case before the Lord Chancellor and Coleman's case together, I think the principle to be deduced is this, that to entitle a shareholder to maintain a suit of this nature by the corporate responsibility must be upon him, so that the court can feel that he is acting for the benefit, or what he believes to be the benefit, of the Company. *Prima facie*, every shareholder has a right to come here, on behalf of all the shareholders, to prevent an act of this description, and the Court does not require any evidence that the remaining shareholders, or any of them, have concurred in the filing of the bill, because, if the act be illegal, it is presumed to be for the benefit of all that it should be stopped; but it is to be made to appear, and the attention of the Court is called to the fact, that the plaintiff is not moving in his own behalf, but is set in motion by some one else who undertakes to pay the costs, and to indemnify him against all risk; the whole aspect of the case is changed, and the only attempt, because it is no longer under the direction of the plaintiff, but another person, whose interests may be entirely adverse to the plaintiff's, and who is, in a position to control the proceedings. What I mean by this is this is the case of a plaintiff who has given over all control to another party, and there is no security that the suit will be conducted with any regard to the interests of the shareholders, but there is a risk of it being carried on merely for the purpose of putting pressure of a special kind upon the directors, and there is no limit to the costs of the litigation to which they may be exposed." What is the meaning of this? Why, that if the plaintiff could not be compelled to do so, and there was no security that he would be entitled either to have the contract to convert them into stock specifically performed or else to receive compensation in damages—and whether the one or the other, the pecuniary effect on the Company would be the same. Nor do I think that it is at all surprising that the power should have been conferred on the directors. The Legislature had seen fit, and necessarily to the due administration of the affairs of corporations, to authorize the borrowing of money for certain purposes, and the issuing of bonds and the mortgaging of the corporate property and franchises. Through that power, if it stopped there, by mortgaging the corporate property and franchises, a company could strip the stockholders of their property. After having thus evinced the intention to repose confidence in those in whom the stockholders, by electing them to office, selected, they found, it does not strike me as singular that the Legislature should have authorized the directors to issue stock for such bonds, and thereby convert creditors who may have had a lien by mortgage upon all the "corporate property and franchises" of the Company into mere ordinary stockholders. Such a power was greatly for the benefit of the Company and its stockholders, and is infinitely less dangerous when compared with the capital to ruin the corporation which the right to mortgage conferred. If I had doubt on this subject, in the absence of any adjudication, the practice of directors of railroad companies in this State, brought by annual reports to the notice of the State Engineer, the Legislature, the Attorney-General, and of this and of kindred Companies—the New-York Central, the Hudson River, &c.—seems to have been uniform in favor of the power. This practical exposition of the statute, in the absence of judicial decision, is entitled to great weight; and in a doubtful case, should determine the construction which the law should receive. Mr. Sedwick says (Stat. and Con. Law, p. 250) that usage, custom, or practice is of similar value to judicial decisions in the construction of statutes, and he cites the maxim, *optimus legum interpres consuetudo*, and also Lord Coke's remarks, that "it is of the common opinion, and *communis opinio* is of good *authoritie* in law." (See also Broom's Legal Maxims, p. 421.) But, as I have already observed, I have no doubt that the statute is susceptible of but one construction, and that sustains the right of the directors, acting in good faith and for the purposes mentioned in the statute, to issue "convertible bonds" and to convert them into stock, with the limit allowed by law. And "under such regulations as they may see fit to adopt." Finally, I have only to add that I declare the conclusions which I have reached upon this branch, not only from my conviction of their accuracy, but because of the action of the State through its Attorney-General, which I incline to think would alone introduce such a new element into the case as to bar the Department and good record will shield him from as severe punishment as might otherwise be administered. But he should keep on the (Tompkins) square.

There were no complaints preferred by citizens.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM—BROOKLYN.

Before Justices Barnard, Gilbert and Tappan.

DECISIONS.

The following decisions were made at the General Term of the Supreme Court yesterday:

MOTIONS.

George Reiswick *vs.* Charles S. Starr; order affirmed with $10 costs.

John Cocks *vs.* John A. G. Barker et al.; order affirmed with $10 costs.

Hamilton W. Stephenson *vs.* James W. Birkett; order affirmed with $10 costs.

Felix Campbell *vs.* Joseph Millward; order reversed with $10 costs; opinion by Justice GILBERT.

A. H. Taggart *vs.* Mary Durham; order affirmed with $10 costs.

John G. Snyder *vs.* Peter Neefus et al.; motion granted without costs; Justice GILBERT dissenting.

ENUMERATED CASES.

Patrick Cassidy *vs.* James G. Tighe; judgment and order denying new trial affirmed with costs.

Nicholas W. Duryee *vs.* Henry A. Gantt; judgment reversed; costs to abide event; opinion by Justice BARNARD.

Mary T. Moore *vs.* William Wippenbeit; judgment reversed and new trial ordered at Special Term; costs to abide event; opinion by Justice PRATT.

Wm. Foerester *vs.* Wm. T. Bodle *vs.* Ciril J. Brown; judgment affirmed with costs.

Isaac E. Cothead, executor, *vs.* Catharine M. Cothead et al.; judgment affirmed with costs; opinion by Justice BARNARD.

SURROGATE'S COURT—BROOKLYN.

Surrogate VEEDER yesterday directed that the Court adjourn until Friday, out of respect to the memory of the late James T. Brady.

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5,000	do.	2d call	68¾
10,000	do.		68¾
20,000	do.		68¾
10,000	do.	b10	68¾
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8,000	N. Car. St. 6s		64
10,000	N. Car. 6s, new		42
10,000	do.		42
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1,000	Erie 1st M.		93
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1,000	Hudson 1st M.		100
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2,000	T. & W. Equip. B		77¾
2,000	St. L. & Iron M.		80
4,000	Mich. S. & N. I. Bds.		85
3,000	Mor. & Es. 2d M.		88½
15,000	C., C. & I. C. 1st.		86

5,000	Tol., P. & W. 1st		
5,000	Wabash, C. & W.		85
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4,000	Am. Dock & Im. Co.		78
6,000	C. & A. P. R.		99¾
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5	Tenth Nat. Bank		100
30	Chemical Co.		200
35	Del. & Hud. Can.		128
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

Greece has sent an answer to the Peace Conference giving her adherence to the Peace Protocol.

Orders have been issued for the immediate remodeling of the Spanish navy. The Constitutional Cortes will meet to-day.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, the credentials of W. T. HAMILTON, Senator elect from Maryland, were presented. Mr. RAMSEY called up the joint resolution relative to an American line of steamships to Europe. After a brief debate the resolution was laid over. At 12:50 a message was received from the House to the effect that that body was ready to receive the Senate for the purpose of counting the electoral vote, and the Senate proceeded to the Chamber of the House. At 1:30 the Senate returned to its own Chamber, and the Secretary was instructed to read from the journal the objections made in joint session which made it necessary for the Senate to return for deliberation. The Secretary read that objection was raised to any count of the votes certified from the State of Louisiana, and the question was raised in regard to them, that no valid election for President and Vice-President of the United States has been held in that State. Mr. TRUMBULL offered a resolution to the effect that in the judgment of the Senate the vote of Louisiana should be counted. Numerous amendments were offered and rejected, and finally, after an attempt had been made to include Georgia, a resolution of the same purport as Mr. TRUMBULL'S was adopted. The Senate then proceeded once more to the Chamber of the House. At 3 o'clock the Senate again returned and considered the objection raised by Mr. BUTLER to counting the vote of the State of Georgia. After some debate the Senate decided that, in accordance with the joint resolution adopted on the 8th inst., the objections made to counting the votes of Georgia were not in order. The Senate then returned to the Chamber of the House. At 4:10 the Senate returned. Mr. MORGAN was then appointed to wait upon Gen. GRANT and Speaker COLFAX, in connection with a member of the House, and inform them of their election as President and Vice-President. The Senate then adjourned.

Yesterday being the time fixed for counting the electoral vote, by both Houses of Congress in joint session, the galleries of the House were filled at an early hour by large numbers of interested spectators, among whom were many ladies. Suitable arrangements had been made for the accommodation of the diplomatic agents and their families, and also for the families of Senators. Permission was given to ladies to occupy the cloak-rooms, the effect of which was to crowd the outside aisles, and induce some of the ladies to occupy the seats of members. At the appointed hour the Senate arrived, the members taking the seats assigned them, and President WADE occupying the Speaker's chair. Senator CONKLIN and Representatives WILSON and FRUYN, acting as tellers, took their places at the Clerk's desk. Without any preliminary proceedings the reading of the certificates of the various States were read, New-Hampshire being the first on the list. When the State of Louisiana was reached, Mr. MULLINS objected to the counting of the vote of that State. After some debate Mr. MULLINS was required to reduce his objections to writing, which he did, setting forth that no valid election for electors was held in Louisiana. The Senate then retired to its own Chamber for deliberation. The House was called to order, and the Speaker submitted the question whether the vote of Louisiana should be counted, which was decided in the affirmative—yeas 137, nays 63. The Senate having returned, the vote of Louisiana was counted, and the regular order proceeded with. When the State of Georgia was called, Mr. BUTLER objected to the vote being counted, for the reason that the vote of the electors was not cast as required by law, because Georgia had not sufficiently reconstructed at the time of the election, and because the election was carried by force and fraud. A scene of great confusion now ensued, many members taking exceptions to Mr. BUTLER'S objections, and insisting that the vote should be counted. The Presiding Officer manifested great reluctance to decide what to do, and stated that he was inclined to hold the Convention to the joint resolution adopted by both Houses. He stated that the resolution declared that if the vote of Georgia did not affect the result it might be counted, but if it did it could not be. Great excitement followed, and much laughter and applause. The Senate finally retired to deliberate on Mr. BUTLER'S objection. While the Senate was out the House voted on the question and sustained Mr. BUTLER. The Senate returned, and the Presiding Officer directed the tellers to call the vote of Georgia. Mr. BUTLER protested, and raised the point of order that the House was entitled to be heard on the joint resolution. A scene of the greatest confusion now ensued, Mr. BUTLER insisting on being heard, and the Presiding Officer insisting on the vote of Georgia being called. Members took sides, and encouraged one and the other amid intense excitement. The Presiding Officer refused to listen to any appeal from his decision and ordered Mr. BUTLER to take his seat. The Sergeant-at-Arms was called upon to restore order. Finally, the confusion was brought to a close and the vote was declared, the Presiding Officer announcing that GRANT and COLFAX were duly elected President and Vice-President.

GENERAL.

Gen. SHERMAN arrived in New-Orleans on Saturday, and was called upon by many visitors, including Gov. WARMOUTH. He visited the headquarters of Gens. BUCHANAN, MOWER and HATCH.

It is generally believed that Gov. BOWIE will call an extra session of the Maryland Legislature. The pressure upon him to do so increases daily from Baltimore City, to enable her to provide against the floods, and from the people on the eastern and western shores of the Chesapeake to protect their oysters.

J. H. SIMS, of Amboy, N. Y., was indicted by the Grand Jury at Syracuse, on Monday, on a charge of grand larceny, in stealing $30,000 in Government and local bonds from WILLIAM O. WOOD, of Red Creek, Wayne County, on the night of the 3d of November, 1865. EVERETT JACOBSON was also indicted for having and receiving the same stolen bonds, knowing them to have been such.

The United States Marshal of Pueblo, Colorado Territory, is on his way to Fortress Monroe with seven convicts. The men comprised a gang of robbers who infested the Territory, and committed several heavy depredations, the Government being the chief victim. They were arrested Feb. 18, 1868, and convicted on the 7th of May following. They were tried and sentenced at Pueblo. Two of them are sentenced to three years' imprisonment, three for two years, two for six years and one for ten years.

JOHN and FRANK ROCKWELL, brothers, living near Plattsburg, Md., got into a quarrel about a horse, which was terminated by the former killing the latter.

The Senate Committee on Cities will hold a session at Albany on Wednesday at 4 o'clock P. M., to hear parties for and against the extension of Madison-avenue to Seventeenth-street.

Both branches of the Baltimore Council yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution tendering the hospitalities of the city to President JOHNSON after his retirement.

JOHN REAL was last evening convicted in the Court of Oyer and Terminer of the murder of Officer SHEDICK, and was immediately sentenced to be hanged on the 3d day of April next. Judge BARNARD, in pronouncing sentence, said that it was thus promptly passed, that the lawless in this City might understand that the Courts are in earnest in the determination to bring malefactors to speedy punishment.

The Clothing Cutters on strike, met last night at No. 15 Stanton-street and reported additional names of employers as acceeding to their demands. The Printers on strike, met at No. 68 East Broadway, and will hold a meeting there to-morrow evening for the purpose of organizing a coöperative society. The Sailors will hold a meeting at No. 68 East Broadway to-night.

Judge CARDOZO has rendered an elaborate decision on the application on the part of the defendants in the case of August Belmont *vs.* the Erie Railway Company, in which he affirms that the order previously made in the case should be opened with a view to a reversal of the former decision, and that the directors may issue convertible bonds.

Yesterday afternoon three convicts, JAMES JONES, THOMAS MOORE and CHARLES SMITH, escaped from the single officer who was conveying them handcuffed from the Court of General Sessions, where they had just received their sentences, to the Tombs. MOORE was recaptured. The escape was aided by friends of the prisoners. One of these is in custody.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, and was duly observed by Episcopalian and Roman Catholic communicants. There were divine services in the morning and evening in many of the churches.

The Bank Clerks' Association held a meeting at the Clearing-house, yesterday afternoon, and adopted a constitution and by-laws.

Cotton was less active but firm yesterday. Flour was tamer and rather cheaper. Wheat steady and in fair request. Corn in brisk demand and decidedly higher. Oats attracted more attention at buoyant prices. Provisions were less freely dealt in; Pork, Lard and Hogs were lower. Groceries were held with increasing confidence, though not active. Dry Goods were in good request and buoyant in price. The auction sales were well attended and passed off quite spiritedly. Freights dull.

The Whisky Ring and the Fullerton Case.—Action of the Attorney-General.

District-Attorney COURTNEY yesterday stated in the United States Court that he had been ordered by the Attorney-General of the United States to postpone the trial of Mr. WILLIAM FULLERTON indefinitely, in order that the indictment and the evidence by which it is supported may be first examined by himself. What object this process is intended to serve, it is not easy to see. Mr. EVARTS does not mean, we presume, to revise *all* the action of the Grand Juries in this district or to inspect all the bills of indictment they may find, before allowing them to be tried; yet it is not easy to see why he should select the indictment found in Mr. FULLERTON'S case for so unusual a proceeding. Besides, the indictment in this case has been on file and before the public for *three months* already; and if it were very important that the Attorney-General should pass on the merits of the case, we would think he had had time enough for that already. But the whole conduct of this case has been so extraordinary that one step of this sort, more or less, can scarcely excite surprise. Indeed nobody, we believe, was in the least surprised when Mr. COURTNEY, in Court yesterday morning, announced the postponement of the case.

Mr. FULLERTON came into prominent connection with the whisky trials as the successor of Mr. BINCKLEY, and to complete the work of investigating the whole subject of whisky frauds in this City, and of proving the connection of revenue officials with those frauds, in which BINCKLEY had failed. His first movement was an attempt to implicate District-Attorney COURTNEY and Revenue Collector BAILEY in those frauds. On the 3d of November, however, an indictment was found by the Grand Jury against FULLERTON, on various charges, one of which was being engaged in a conspiracy to levy blackmail as Special Agent of the Revenue Collector in the Eighth District, and actually getting from him a sum amounting to about $30,000 under pretence of settling a complaint against him of defrauding the Government.

On the 24th, the very next day after the filing of this indictment, Mr. FULLERTON published the following card:

To the Public:

The parties implicated in what are known as the whisky frauds, under the leadership of S. G. COURTNEY, the United States District-Attorney, have succeeded, after an effort of more than two weeks' duration, in procuring an indictment against me for an alleged conspiracy to defraud a revenue officer. I do not know upon what evidence this has been obtained, but I do know that, whatever it is, it is wholly false. I trust my friends will be patient, as I am. In the end *I shall show to the satisfaction of every right-minded man* that I have neither said nor done anything which should, in the slightest degree, impair that confidence in me or lessen that measure of respect which it has heretofore been my good fortune to enjoy.

This body of men who have instigated this proceeding have done so in self-defence. I am employed by the President of the United States, and am acting under his authority, in exposing the monstrous frauds which have been committed on the revenue of the country. The only hope of escape of the parties involved is to crush me. This they have attempted by a vile conspiracy. *The truth will prevail in the end, however, despite all efforts to prevent it, and the public will see who is deserving of condemnation.*

WILLIAM FULLERTON,
No. 11 Pine-street, New-York.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 24, 1868.

The general feeling of the community was favorable to Mr. FULLERTON, and there was a universal hope that he would fully meet and satisfactorily refute all the charges in the speedy trial which his card seemed to invite. His counsel asked for *ten* days time to frame an answer to the indictment; this was at once granted. The case was again called on the 4th of December, but was again, *on application of the defendant*, postponed till the 12th. On the 12th, Mr. O'CONOR appeared as FULLERTON'S counsel, and stated that he was prepared—not to enter upon the trial, but to argue a motion to *quash the indictment*, and thus escape a trial; but as he was obliged to leave the City, he asked a further postponement till the 19th. This was granted.

Before that day arrived an order was privately procured from Judge NELSON staying proceedings indefinitely; but on the 23d, Judge NELSON himself set aside this order and directed the case to be set down for trial on the criminal calendar of the Court. On the 6th of January the case was called again, —the defendants pleaded to the indictment, and it was set down for trial on the 18th. On the 18th, when it was called Mr. FULLERTON procured another postponement for a week on the ground that *one* of his counsel, Mr. BURRILL, was sick, though Mr. O'CONOR, Judge PORTER, Mr. SEWARD and others of his counsel were quite able to go on with the case. On the 25th the case was called again; but meantime it had been ascertained that THOS. E. SMITH, the complainant in the case and a principal witness for the Government was sick and unable, either to come into Court, or to be examined at his room. The counsel for FULLERTON thereupon swore, as did Mr. FULLERTON himself, that Mr. SMITH was a material witness *for the defence*, and actually got a further postponement on this ground!

Meantime, as we understand from undoubted authority, the most direct and earnest efforts were made by Mr. FULLERTON'S friends, and on his behalf, to procure an abandonment of the prosecution. Personal intercession, and, unless we are mistaken, pecuniary inducements were resorted to for the purpose of securing this result. These failing, similar efforts were made to secure a further postponement which should throw the case over this term and into the chances of the next, when new officials may have charge of it. And it was freely rumored that, if all these endeavors should fail, the authorities at Washington would come to the rescue and that Mr. FULLERTON would *not be tried*.

The result proves, in the first place, that Mr. FULLERTON was by no means so anxious for a trial, or so confident of being able to prove his innocence, and to overwhelm with confusion the "conspirators" from whom he said this indictment had emanated, as he professed to be in his card of Nov. 24, as from that time forward he has bent all his efforts to *escape a trial*. And it proves also that there is some influence at Washington on which he has relied from the outset, for security against a trial,—and that *this reliance has not been in vain*. What that influence is, may be made known hereafter.

Meantime Mr. FULLERTON has done himself the most serious injury which an *innocent* man can possibly inflict upon himself. Instead of meeting the charges and relying on his innocence, he has done everything in his power to escape an inquiry into their truth. He has done precisely what a guilty man would do under the same circumstances, and what none but a guilty man—who feared the results of a trial more than he feared the effect of an evasion of it and an inferential confession on his part,—would ever dream of doing. As the *Post* says: "Mr. FULLERTON cannot afford to do this. If he continues thus to imitate the conduct of guilt, the public will believe him guilty. He has gone too far forward to go back, and must fight his battle through. Unless he clears himself in open court on public testimony, he will stand before this community as a dishonored man."

The Reduction of the Army—The House Committee's Plan.

The propositions of the House Military Committee for the reduction of the army are now before the country. They consist mainly of two features,—one, a reduction of the infantry by fifteen regiments; the other, a reduction, by consolidation, in the number of staff officers of all grades. The War Department, which has itself recommended reduction, has reported that the artillery and cavalry cannot safely be brought below their present strength.

While all parties in the House are in favor of reduction, and even agree in general upon its *amount*, there is a wide difference of opinion as to the proper *method* of effecting it.

The Chairman of the Military Committee takes the ground that the reduction should be prospective and by absorption; that the strength and composition of the force to be permanently maintained should be fixed; and that the change from the present to the future organization should be, in the case of officers, at least, by *casualty*—that is, by the natural dwindling through deaths, resignations, and dismissals from the service,—stopping, meanwhile, and till the reduced organization is reached, promotions and appointments.

On the other hand, Messrs. BUTLER, LOGAN, and other ex-officers of the volunteer forces, take the ground that, as *they* were mustered out at once when the war was over, the same summary process should be applied to the officers of the regular army, whenever the number of enlisted men reduces them, for the time being, to the condition of supernumeraries.

The radical difference between these two opinions is, evidently, that the one is based on the theory that a regular military establishment is necessary to any well-organized State, whatever be its form of government, while the other denies that such a necessity exists in our country;—it holds that, on the contrary, it is ALWAYS possible to gather as large, well-educated, well-informed and disciplined an army of officers and men from the body of the people as any exigency may require, and as rapidly as we may want them.

This latter view obviously ignores, as it seems to us, the universal regret, at the opening of the rebellion, that our regular force, and above all our body of experienced professional officers, was so small. That time is not so distant that we cannot vividly recall the general determination that the nation should never again be suffered to fall into a condition so hopeless.

It is hardly sufficient to reply that we *now* have officers enough for a large army. We shall have fewer to-morrow, and still fewer next year; and very soon, indeed, if proper military institutions are not kept up, we shall be again in that weak and unprepared condition which entailed on us so much misery, waste, death and continuing debt.

Such volunteer officers as Gens. BUTLER, SCHENCK, LOGAN and BANKS, we must reflect never sought military rank and position in the line of professional occupation. They suffered no wrong by being promptly mustered out of the service. Their arenas were different. Thrust them suddenly on a plea of economy out of their *political* positions and preferments, with no chance of returning, and they might look on this matter in a different light. The regular army officer, taken by the Government as a boy, and moulded exclusively to its own purposes, to whom the military life was his career, who spent his youth and manhood in it, and whose praiseworthy professional ambition was to reach a position honorable in the eyes of his countrymen and of his descendants—to him the military profession is all-in-all. The Thomases and Meades of our army have no prospect or desire, except as officers of our army.

To violently and arbitrarily dislocate and disorganize the body to which they belong, and which bears the records of their honorable career, is unjust to such officers. It is flagrantly unjust to claim that as the country has no need, for the moment, of their services, their career shall end; that after investing a large part of their lives in this vocation, they shall be forced to seek another.

The gradual system proposed by the Military Committee will soon place the reduced force in harmony with the proposed organization, and yet, meanwhile, work no injustice to a body of officers who merit being treated with more consideration than the rude dismissal which has been urged by some members of the House.

San Domingo and Samana—Gammon and Guano.

Congressional jobbers, in the lobby and out of it, are determined we shall have San Domingo. Not that we want San Domingo, or would buy it for a song, or take it as a gift, or be paid for taking it. Nevertheless, the jobbers are bound that we *shall* take it; if we don't buy it, we must borrow it; if we don't borrow it, we must beg it; if we won't "protect" it, we must "annex" it; if we can't pay for it, we must accept it as a gratuity, nor look the gift-horse in the mouth.

The long and short of the matter is, that Dominican and American speculators have found they can make something out of San Domingo—that "there is money in it," or, if not money, say *guano*, which comes to the same thing. So they appeal to our great and ga-lorious country to advance with imperial tread toward its manifest destiny in the West Indies. But it's all gammon and guano.

Two or three years ago the idea of buying or hiring the Bay of Samana as a naval station for the United States came up. The moment it was broached, and before we had time to think of it, the San Dominicans went to cutting each other's throats over the prospect. A questionable honor and an unquestionably small profit before, their Presidency suddenly loomed into grandeur, by reason of the enormous rental which the bay would probably bring. BAEZ and CABRAL took opposite sides on the question, and, though most of our people were probably ignorant of the fact, those worthy islanders were at one time murdering and outraging each other by the scores, under the rival banners of BAEZ and CABRAL, of whose hostility, as we have said, one cardinal point was this Bay of Samana business.

We really cannot say to what extent this slaughter, partly on our account, went on. But we very well remember one of President CABRAL'S speeches to his people, which said: "If a bad Dominican, aided by others, succeeded in taking the country by surprise, and infamously selling it, has not this been set aside *by the blood of twenty thousand victims?*" Twenty thousand was a very large number of victims to offer up to appease the manes of insulted Dominican demigods—a more than Druidical sacrifice. "Heroes of the Carcalis, of the fields of Santome and of the Canda, heroes of Capotillo," cried CABRAL, "point to my sword, while I swear, if need be, that I will not part with, nor renounce, nor permit the cession of any part of the country, and that before doing so I will bury myself in the ruins of the Republic."

In that issue, President CABRAL came to the top, and the Samana business was for the moment ended. But, as a matter of course, the wheel of fortune was sure, in time, to bring "that bad Dominican," in his turn, overhead, and to carry CABRAL underneath. That is just what has happened. BAEZ being temporarily successful, is trying to be "protected," or even "annexed," for the sake of keeping his precarious seat.

And *this* is all that the "assurances of the desire of the Dominican Government to consummate admission to the Union" amount to. We are to act as catspaw to an enterprise which would turn to account the trepidation of BAEZ, mixing it up with commercial speculations of Samana supplies, Alta Vela guano and what not that goes to make up a "job."

We shall suggest one pretty sure cure for this whole business—*wait*. The chances are that BAEZ will soon experience the same lot as his predecessors. His seat is very insecure, hence his anxiety to close this bargain and get the benefit of it. His purse is drained, and without replenishing, he cannot run the Government machine. The very last advices from San Domingo showed that the town of Seybo, in the Province of the East, had pronounced against him, and was in open revolution. By a stroke of diplomacy, he is understood to have interested himself largely in the "Samana Bay Company," and hence the proposal for a "protectorate." Of course he runs the risk of being deposed, on the charge of selling out his country—but what can a man do, cornered in that way?

But, were all this otherwise; were BAEZ firm in his stirrups, with full command of the bridle; were he ever so rich in resources, still, the absurdity of annexing half an island which has already been the scene of such blood-letting partly on this very account—an island whose people do not want to be annexed, and whom we certainly do not want to annex—is sufficiently apparent. The correspondents are discovering a "job" in the whole transaction. It is not evidence of remarkable sagacity to do that, since on no general ground, such as is argued in Congress, could the scheme be entertained.

The Rogers Murder.

Our City authorities have changed their tactics in the investigation of the Rogers murder business. They have undertaken to conduct it secretly, under pretence that the publication of the evidence obstructs the cause and defeats the ends of justice. On this pretext they excluded from the inquiry the reporters for the daily Press, including the TIMES; and then, as if to give their excuse the lie direct, they allowed the reporter for one morning paper to publish in full all the evidence that had been given!

The public lost but little in this case, however, by this paltry trick, for the testimony amounted to nothing whatever, and was taken for the purpose of justifying the discharge of two of the parties who had been under arrest, rather than with a view to the detection of the murderer. The only persons examined were the Police officers who were first apprised of the murder, and who, of course, had no knowledge of the slightest consequence to communicate, and the man TALLENT, who gave himself up immediately after the murder, who Mr. ROGERS said was not his assailant, against whom there has not been a particle of evidence, and who has been kept in prison ever since his self-surrender. *The* LOGAN who slept in Greene-street the night before the murder, who left the house at *about* the time of the murder, with coat, overcoat and hat like those known to have been worn by the murderer,—who came back having changed them all,—saying that he had lost his overcoat and hat and hurt his hand in trying to escape the Police, was not examined at all; nor have the astute authorities, so far as is known, made the slightest effort to obtain from him any explanation of these suspicious circumstances, or from any quarter either confirmation or refutation of the excuses by which he endeavored to account for them. Until something is done, more than has yet been attempted, to clear up these points, the public will not give the authorities credit for being earnest or sincere in their professed endeavors to solve the mystery of this murder. Nor will they strengthen themselves with the community by excluding from their inquest the public or the Press, and then disposing of the reports of their proceedings to some one newspaper as an act of special favoritism. Meantime, Judge BARNARD made an astounding statement from the Bench, yesterday, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, in reference to this case. When application was made by counsel for the release of LOGAN (No. 2,) on *habeas corpus*, Judge BARNARD said "he was free to state that from the evidence taken, he was convinced that Mr. HOWE'S client (LOGAN No. 2) had not committed the murder. They had in custody the real murderer, who would be brought to trial at this session of the Court of Oyer and Terminer." In any event, this was an extraordinary statement to be made from the Court that will be called upon to try the accused party. In making it, Judge BARNARD virtually pronounces judgment, in advance of the trial, as to the innocence of one of the prisoners, and the guilt of another. The only persons now under arrest on suspicion of being guilty of the murder are the two JAMES LOGANS and ROBINSON, the Station-house lodger. In pronouncing one of the three parties to be innocent, and one of the other two to be guilty, at this time, Judge BARNARD must either have acted with gross indiscretion, or else he must be possessed of proofs indubitable and beyond argument, as well as beyond the knowledge of the public. If either ROBINSON or LOGAN No. 1 have made confession of their guilt, or if any of the persons arrested as accomplices of the crime or witnesses in the case, have given decisive and indisputable facts, then we can understand the bearings of Judge BARNARD'S remarks, though not their propriety; on any other supposition his remarks are wholly inexplicable.

The Solvency of Life Insurance Companies and their Management.

The importance of life insurance as a provident agency, the large amount which it annually absorbs, and the mystery which too often enshrouds its management, are reasons sufficient for a return to the controversy begun the other day by the *Tribune* and continued by a correspondent who indorses its statements. From the position originally assumed by the *Tribune*—namely, that the Life Insurance Companies doing business in this City are either insolvent or on the road to insolvency—that journal has quietly receded. The writer whose letter we elsewhere print, insists, however, that facts justify the condemnation of the management of the companies and the principle of life insurance itself. His argument proves an almost incredible ignorance in regard to both.

It is assumed that the income and outgo on account of deaths of a single year constitute the measure of a company's service to the insured. Thus, because the Mutual Life Company in 1867, with an income from all sources of $9,780,485, in that year paid claims amounting to $889,837, we are told that the insured receive only about one dollar for every eleven they pay. Other instances are given in which the death-payments are as $1 in $7 50 and $1 in $4, respectively, compared with the premiums paid. These figures are adduced as evidence that the companies absorb more than they yield—that as means of making profitable provision for widows and orphans they are a delusion and a snare. But the argument is fallacious. The receipts, payments and accumulations of a company in a year are conclusive as to the general character of its management. They furnish also approximate data for judging of its solvency. But this is all. The proportion borne by claims paid to premiums received is for any other purpose immaterial.

Any other view of the case implies forgetfulness of the groundwork of life insurance, which has the characteristics and certainty of a science. As a business matter, it is a method by which a company undertakes, in consideration of certain premiums, to pay certain amounts whenever the lives fall in. Two elements enter into the calculation—one the probable duration of life, as determined by experience; the other the cumulative power of money invested at compound interest. The one determines the cost of the risk undertaken, the other the amount required to furnish a fund from which claims shall be paid as they arise. The accumulation of premiums so acquired forms the essential capital of life insurance, and the only capital it requires. And the administration of the fund involves not only the settlement of claims as they occur, but the gradual acquisition of the means of meeting the larger mortality which is ultimately inevitable.

From this elementary statement it is apparent that the ratio dwelt upon by our correspondent, as an illustration of the disproportionate dearness of the service performed by life insurance, is worthless for the purpose to which he applies it. In fire or marine insurance it would be an important element of comparison. These forms of insurance need no further accumulation of premium than may suffice to cover outstanding risks, and, [illegible] mutual companies, to create a reserve or guarantee fund. In these cases it is practicable from year to year to ascertain the annual percentage of premiums required for the satisfaction of claims and the payment of expenses; and the surplus is properly divisible among the insured. But the rule is inapplicable to life insurance. There the income must not only meet current expenses and claims, but must add to the accumulating fund in a proportion varying with particular contingencies.

The really vulnerable point in this part of the question, as we see it in this country, our correspondent altogether overlooked. It is not whether widows and orphans are wronged by life insurance, for the facts are all on the other side; but whether the return of surplus premium is conducted equitably, and whether the premium itself is adjusted with a due regard to the present and probable value of money in this country. These are details in reference to which American life insurance is open to criticism. The adoption of a rate of interest in harmony with the market rates would enable companies to cheapen the immediate cost of insurance. The final result might not be different, since the margin between the net cost and the gross receipts—after deducting expenses—should be, and in mutual companies is, returned to the insured. But the excellence of the prevailing modes of distributing surplus is open to doubt; while the public are led to attach improper significance to what are erroneously termed profits. The company is yet to be organized which shall give the American the direct benefit of the American rate of interest.

Moreover, the wide margin between the net and gross premiums facilitates the inexcusable extravagance to which in our previous article we directed attention. So long as the companies pay the claims which occur, no injustice is done to the widows and orphans who receive the money. They never receive less than the amount paid by their husbands or fathers as premiums, while in many cases they receive much more. But the permanent stability of the companies is endangered by the enormous proportion which expense not seldom bears to income. We believe that, as a rule, ten per cent. of the gross income should cover all expenses of management. Yet of forty-four companies known in this State, only two exhibit this ratio. Some maintain a standard of expenditure which points to ruin, and the remainder are far from being as economical as they ought to be.

Our correspondent mistakes the test of insolvency as egregiously as he misapprehends the functions of life insurance. He reminds us that while the amount insured by a leading company exceeds $60,000,000, the amount of its assets is but $23,000,000; remarking that "the liabilities are three times the assets." The inference the reader is left to draw is that the institution in question is virtually insolvent. But the sixty millions are not "liabilities" in the sense in which the term is here used. They represent the sum which may eventually become such; but before they reach that stage the assets will, under honest management, be more than equal to them.

The actual liabilities of a company—apart from claims actually matured—are measured by the present value of its risks. The continuance of the risks implies the continued receipt of premiums paying for them; the growth of one keeping pace with the growth of the other. A company is solvent whose assets, transferred to another company, would compensate for the acceptance of its risks. And this present value is, doubtless, provided for in the company selected for purposes of illustration by the amount of its accumulated funds. Twenty-three millions in hand is, so far as we can judge, adequate provision for sixty millions of possible liabilities; taking into consideration future premiums and the increase resulting from compound interest.

Into the general merits of life insurance we do not propose to follow our correspondent. As an investment we have nothing to say about it. But as a means of providing against the contingency of death it is as sound as it is beneficent. Its rapid extension in this country is one of the few redeeming evidences of thrift which the war has left us. The vast and delicate interests which it involves necessitate vigilant and almost suspicious scrutiny into the pretensions of companies and the management by which they are distinguished. The popular ignorance which prevails on the subject is exemplified in the comments of our correspondent; and by this ignorance the agents of life insurance profit even more than its enemies. The prevalence of charlatanry and expensive management are, however, not reasons for condemning a principle which is safe or a practice which is most useful. They simply suggest the need of caution on the part of the public, and a more searching criticism than our companies have hitherto encountered.

MINOR TOPICS.

Gen. GRANT was yesterday officially declared by Congress to be President elect of the United States. The proceedings on the subject will be read with interest. It will be seen that the votes of the States of Louisiana and Georgia were objected to—the former on account of fraud in the election, and the latter because of non-compliance with the terms of the law. Both, however, were finally received. It will be seen that there was a very lively debate on the Georgia case.

We suppose we may occasionally get a hint as to the best means of treating the criminal classes in large cities from the English, who have a great deal of this sort of work to do, and consequently have great experience as to the most effective ways of doing it. Certain changes in the existing laws are now under discussion in England, and the London *Times* urges that there should be a change in the direction of *placing under the constant supervision of the police those who have been convicted under certain circumstances or a certain number of times*. The ground taken is, that it is only an act of leniency to such persons, by no means their right, that they are suffered to be at large at all, and the law is entitled to see that they do not abuse its indulgence. The *Times* argues that whenever a crime is committed under circumstances which make it probable that it is the act of a professional criminal, any one of these men under surveillance might fairly be called on to make out a *prima facie* case of innocence in respect of it. While now he has simply to show that the evidence of his guilt is not complete, and all the resources of his brotherhood are at his command for the purpose, he would then have to establish positive innocence, and success would but shift the burden of proof on to some fellow knave. We are inclined to think that under this last suggestion of the *Times*, the business might be carried too far; but we are of opinion that the idea of putting our professional criminals under constant Police surveillance is worthy of attention. Certainly, we agree with our London contemporary, that it is a shame to modern society that the term "professional" criminal should have a recognized meaning, and so whatever the result to the thieves and burglars, it is time that their present impunity should be withdrawn.

Capt. JAMESON has been appointed to the Police Inspectorship made vacant by the recent decease of Inspector LEONARD. The Democrats, who, for some time, have been apprehensive of [illegible] to the service for our Mayor-elect, the political complexion that might be given to the appointment, will be gratified at the action of the Police Commissioners.

The short season of Italian opera which MAX MARETZEK offers this Winter will open to-night with the "Sicilian Vespers." To-morrow night "Norma" will be offered, and, on subsequent nights, "Il Trovatore," "L'Africaine," and "Belisario." The list of *artistes* may be learned through the advertisement. We are pleased to learn that the prospects of the new season are very promising, as regards the sale of tickets. Amid the demoralization of modern days, it is refreshing to be reminded of the existence of the legitimate opera.

The fears about the deficiency of the ice-crop may be dismissed. By the close of this week over half a million tons of ice of excellent quality will be in store.

The Ex-Vice-President of the Southern Confederacy, Mr. A. H. STEPHENS, is now inclined to take less sombre views of our public affairs than he has heretofore indulged in. Ever since the downfall of the Confederacy he has been looking for the establishment of a great despotic government, in which the rights of the States and the liberties of the citizen should be restrained by a military power somewhat similar to that which exists in France. Now, however, he holds that though the future of the country is uncertain, the prospects are hopeful. He says that all the country wants to restore its high prosperity is good government, and he has great confidence in GRANT, whom he describes as possessing the "rarest combination of elements of character of, perhaps, any man living." We are pleased to hear that this able and influential Southern politician is able to entertain more cheerful views of the Republic.

The gas companies of this City certainly need the overhauling which the Legislature is reported to be about to give them. The poor quality of the gas furnished to the City, its extravagant price, the inconveniences to which those who use it are subjected, and the horrible odors which at least one of the gas companies diffuses in the vicinity of its works, ought to be altered in some way. Of course we have not much hope of any reform through the Legislature, but still it is worth while trying if anything can be done.

"President" BAEZ, of San Domingo, has two agents in this country who are anxious that we should annex the Republic on the simple condition of assuming its debt. But there ought to be some means of inducing these two agents to agree as to the amount of debt we must assume. One of them (Mr. FABENS) declares that the entire debt was on the 1st of January last only $500,000, including the depreciated currency of the country, which amounts to about $200,000; but the other agent (Mr. AUGENARD) states the debt to be from

TELEGRAMS.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

The Answer of Greece to the Peace Conference.

PARIS, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

M. WALEWSKI has left Athens on his return to this city. He is the bearer of a satisfactory reply from the Greek Government on all points to the proposals of the Paris Conference.

SPAIN.

The Spanish Navy to be Remodeled—Meeting of the Cortes.

MADRID, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Admiral TOPETE, Minister of the Marine, has issued general orders for the remodeling of the Spanish navy.

Only one of the persons implicated in the assassination of the Governor of Burgos has been sentenced to death, and his case will await the action of the Cortes.

The Constituent Cortes will meet to-morrow for organization.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A Vigorous Opposition to be Carried on in Parliament.

LONDON, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The Conservatives are making preparations to carry on a vigorous opposition in Parliament. Lord CAIRNS will replace the Earl of Malmesbury, as their leader in the House of Lords.

Mr. GLADSTONE proposes to abolish the University tests.

FRANCE.

The Charge of Bribery against Paris Journals.

PARIS, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The Press of this city deny with much indignation the truth of the assertion made by M. BISMARCK'S organ in Berlin, to the effect that they have been bribed by the Prussian Government.

PRUSSIA.

An American Financial Agency at London.

BERLIN, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The *Gazette of the Source* of this city, speaking of the proposed establishment of an American financial agency at London, by Secretary MCCULLOCH, at the expiration of his term of office, hails his advent as a guarantee against repudiation, and a promise of development for the commerce of Europe and the United States.

CUBA.

More Political Arrests—Volunteer Recruiting.

HAVANA, Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Arrests continue to be made. Last night the Police searched several houses. Recruiting for the volunteer service is going on briskly. Two companies of regulars have left Matanzas for Macagua to suppress the disturbances there. The Vuelta and Abajo region continues quiet.

Senator HENDERSON, of Missouri, Gov. GARDNER and Gen. CASSIDY arrived to-day from New-York in the steamer *Morro Castle*.

Spread of the Insurrection—Telegraph Lines Cut.

HAVANA, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Intelligence has been received that a party of insurgents lately took possession of the town of Eucrucijada, at the junction of the Sagua la Grande and Cienfuegos and Villa Clara Railroads. Troops were immediately dispatched from Sagua la Grande by train to attack them. The insurgents have cut the telegraph lines between Sagua la Grande and Villa Clara.

The *Prensa* reports the appearance of a second body of insurgents, numbering three hundred, in the jurisdiction of Guines and Cara Hatas, seven leagues from Sagua la Grande.

The *Prensa* demands civil justice for the priests arrested and imprisoned on the mere order of the Bishop.

HAVANA, Feb. 10—Evening.

An attempt was made last night to fire the powder magazine of Fort Puna. A person divested of his clothing and disguised with black paint climbed the outer walls for that purpose, but was discovered by a sentry, who shot and wounded him. He is now a prisoner.

The Havana journals in the Spanish interest are quarreling among themselves on questions of policy, advocating widely distinct systems and measures. A violent article has appeared in the *Voce de Cuba*, tending to rouse passions, create general panic and bring on excesses.

Last night a meeting of planters was held at the Palace. A resolution was adopted guaranteeing with ten per cent. of their properties the issue of a loan of $9,000,000 in greenbacks by the Spanish Bank, five per cent. of taxes to be devoted annually to the redemption of the same.

To-night a meeting of merchants was held at the Palace to raise money for the Government.

Exchange—On London, 15½@16½ per cent. premium; on Paris, 2½@3 per cent. premium; on United States, 60 days' sight, in currency, 24@23 per cent. discount; in gold, 4@4½ per cent. premium; short sight, 6½ per cent. premium. Freights firmer; small craft in demand for the United States.

Sugar—The market is advancing, and there is an absence of business for want of stock; No. 12 D. S., 8¾@9¼ reals.

Meeting of the State Agricultural Society at Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The New-York State Agricultural Society met in the Assembly Chamber at 12 o'clock today, and was called to order by the President, THOMAS H. FAILE, of New-York. The report of the Executive Committee shows a prosperous condition of the agricultural interests of the State. The Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury of the Society of $17,677 96. On motion of Mr. WM. KELLY, a committee of three from each judicial district was appointed to recommend officers of the Society for the ensuing year, and to name a place for holding the next State Fair. After deliberating, the Committee reported the following officers:

For President, Samuel Campbell, of Oneida; Vice-Presidents, Samuel Thorne, of New-York; Geo. M. Brown, of Dutchess; J. Wisne, of Albany; J. D. Curtis, of Saratoga; Jno. D. Hugerford, of Jefferson; Wm. M. Ely, of Broome; B. Fangell, of Livingston; Richard Church, of Allegany. For Corresponding Secretary, Thomas L. Harrison, of St. Lawrence; Recording Secretary, Benjamin P. Johnson, of Albany; Treasurer, Luther H. Tucker, of Albany; Executive Committee, Alonzo B. Cornell, Ira E. Sherman, James Geddes, Milo Ingalsbee, R. N. Lockwood, John B. Way, Craig Wadsworth, and E. J. Swan.

Elmira has been selected as the place for holding the next State Fair.

The report was adopted.

Western Railroads—A Young Man Murdered by His Brother.

ST. LOUIS, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

An Omaha dispatch says Ex-Gov. STEWART, of Missouri, is at Lincoln, in the interest of the Nebraska Trunk Railroad, a connection of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad. A strong combination is said to have been formed at Lincoln to control the land grants in favor of the Trunk line and Sioux City and Columbus route, and defeat the Omaha and Southwestern Road, which proposes to tap the Union Pacific Road, Eastern Division, at Fort Risley, Kansas.

Two brothers, named JOHN ROCKWELL and FRANK ROCKWELL, living near Plattsburg, Mo., got into a dispute about a horse last week, which resulted in the former killing the latter.

A Helena, Montana, dispatch says a war party of Few Dorcell Indians attacked several lodges of Bloods at Sun River Crossing, near Fort Shaw, on the 6th inst., and killed six, wounded four and carried off twenty-five. A detachment of troops from Fort Shaw pursued the attacking party but did not overtake them.

The Case of Whalen, the Murderer of D'Arcy McGee.

OTTAWA, Canada, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

WHALEN made a statement last night to the County-Attorney and the Police Magistrate, that he was present when Mr. MCGEE was killed, but did not fire the shot. Mrs. WHALEN visited her husband to-day, in company with his spiritual advisers. She is very much excited. The hour for the execution to-morrow is fixed at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. MCGEE had written a letter to a gentleman in this city, requesting him to visit WHALEN and say that she freely forgives him, as his punishment will be ample for the offence.

WHALEN is expected to make a speech to-morrow. He reads his prayer-book and Bible with great attention, and he is visited by the gray nuns.

An Excitement at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Shortly after 8 o'clock this evening a young woman named ANNIE O'NEIL was discovered in one of the corridors of the White House, moving towards the private apartments of the President. When asked what she wanted, she replied: "I am sent by God Almighty to kill ANDREW JOHNSON." She was taken into custody, when an old-fashioned double-barreled pistol was found in her possession, which, however, was not loaded. It appears that she had entered the White House during the afternoon, and concealed herself in the mean time. She was evidently laboring under an attack of insanity, which is said to have been caused by her apprehension that she would lose the entire savings of herself and sister gained in the Treasury Department during several years past, and invested in a better homestead for her family. This property she was notified yesteaday she would have to give up, because it was purchased under a tax title. She is now in the hands of the Police, and will be examined tomorrow preparatory to sending her, if need be, to the Insane Asylum.

The State Homeopathic Convention at Albany.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The State Homeopathic Medical Society met again at 9 o'clock this morning. The following-named officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. WM. WRIGHT, of Brooklyn; First Vice-President, Dr. E. B. HOLMES, of Canandaigua; Second Vice-President, Dr. HENRY MINTON, of Brooklyn; Third Vice-President, Dr. E. P. K. SMITH, of Auburn; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. E. D. JONES, of Albany; Recording Secretary, Dr. H. M. PAINE, of Albany; Treasurer, Dr. W. J. SEARLE. Sixteen permanent members were elected. The Society decided to hold a semi-annual meeting at New-York on the second Tuesday in September. The Convention met again in the evening and after the transaction of some minor business adjourned *sine die*.

Oil Creek and Allegheny Valley Railway.

CORRY, Penn., Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the consolidated railways of the oil region, known as the Oil Creek and Alleghany Valley Railway, was held to-day, and the following officers elected:

President, EDWARD F. GAY; Vice-President and General Superintendent, H. F. SCHWEITZER; Secretary and Treasurer, F. A. PHILLIPS; Directors, WM. G. FARGO, CHAS. H. LEE, WM. G. MORSELAD, A. S. DIVEN, CHAS. B. WRIGHT and THOMAS A. SCOTT.

The Ship Templar Salvage Case Decided.

BOSTON, Mass., Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The ship *Templar* salvage case was to-day settled in the United States Court by an award to the salvors of $14,000, the estimated value of the ship and cargo when she went on Nantucket Shoals having been $370,000. This amount will be apportioned by agreement between the New-Bedford, Vineyard and Nantucket Steamboat Company, and the owners and crew of the schooner *Proctor*.

The Murder of Ex-Senator McConnell in Illinois.

CHICAGO, Ill., Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Intense excitement prevails in Jacksonville, Ill., respecting the mysterious murder of Ex-Senator MCCONNELL. His son offers $1,000 reward for the apprehension of the assassin.

The Hudson River Ice Crop.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Detailed reports from up the river state that the entire ice crop of the Hudson will be harvested by Saturday. It is all of excellent quality, ranging in thickness from twelve to eighteen inches. Altogether about five hundred thousand tons will be stored.

Arrest of a Post Office Robber at Portland.

PORTLAND, Me., Wednesday, Feb. 10.

A German named GUNTHUER, who robbed a German Post Office of $10,000, was arrested on board the steamer *Australian* on her arrival and taken to New-York. Half the money was recovered, and the culprit confessed to the robbery.

Maine Legislature.

AUGUSTA, Me., Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The Senate to-day refused, by a vote of 23 to 6, to concur with the House on the interest question, and passed the bill to allow parties to legally fix the rate of interest.

Death of a Boston Bank President.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

JAMES G. CARNEY, President of the National Bank of Mutual Redemption, died to-day.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

DETROIT, Feb. 10.—The Republican State Convention, held at Lansing to-day, renominated Hon. T. M. COOLEY for Judge of the Supreme Court, and JAMES H. MCGOWAN, of Coldwater, received the nomination of Regent of the State University.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—This morning a building on West Harrison-street was destroyed by fire, and several adjoining structures were injured. The loss is estimated at about $8,000.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 10.—A man named Hastin hung himself at Hayseville to-day.

NEW-HAVEN, Sept. 19.—In Convention to-day at Middletown, STEPHEN W. KELLOGG, of Waterbury, was nominated by the Republicans for Congressman from the Second District of this State.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The elections in Chemung County, yesterday, for town officers, resulted the same as last year, viz., the election of four Republican and seven Democratic Supervisors.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE. ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. KENNEDY—To provide for the rebuilding of the bridges over the Erie Canal in Giddes, Onondaga County.

By Mr. HUBBARD—To authorize the construction of bridges across the Chenango Canal at Eastville and Sherburne.

By Mr. GRAHAM—To provide for draining the lands in Goshen, Orange County. Also, for the appointment of an Assistant District-Attorney in Orange County.

By Mr. BRADLEY—For the better protection of the civil and religious rights of minors.

By Mr. PIERCE—To improve the Underhill-avenue in Brooklyn.

By Mr. CREAMER—To amend the act to simplify and abridge the practice of pleadings in the State Courts. Also, to prevent the destruction of fish in Lake Mahopac.

By Mr. NORTON—Providing that the New-York and Harlem, Hudson River and Erie Railroad Companies shall not charge more than one cent per quart for freight for any distance on milk; the empty cans to be returned without additional charge.

By Mr. STANFORD—To encourage the construction of a railroad in Saratoga County.

By Mr. MATTOON—To incorporate the Oswego Harbor Cmopany.

By Mr. MURPHY—To provide for the completion of Union-street, in Brooklyn. Also, to provide for the completion of Fourth-avenue, Brooklyn. Also, to provide for the completion of Atlantic-avenue, Brooklyn. Also, to provide for the completion of the Gowanus Canal, in Brooklyn.

By Mr. BRADLEY—To incorporate the Fulton Ferry Savings Banks.

BILLS PASSED.

Fixing the time for holding elections of Trustees in Morrisania, Westchester County.

BILLS ORDERED TO THIRD READING.

To authorize an extension of the Clove Branch Railroad.

Recess.

EVENING SESSION.

The Chair presented a communication from the Comptroller relative to certificates of soldiers of the war of 1812.

Mr. PALMER offered a resolution calling on the Superintendent of the Bank Department for information as to whether any private companies or National Banks were receiving deposits as savings banks, and whether any legislation was necessary relative to the subject.

The Senate adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker presented the report of the Special Committee appointed by the last Legislature to investigate the affairs of the State Prisons.

Mr. CALKINS, from the Committee on the Militia and Public Defence, reported favorably on the bill to incorporate the Irish Brigade Association of New-York.

The Judiciary Committee reported favorably on the bill to define the powers of notaries public; also on the bill to prevent the carrying of concealed loaded firearms; also in relation to the appointment of guardians by Surrogates; also for an interpreter for Kings County.

Mr. WEBB, from the Railroad Committee, reported adversely to the bill to prevent injury and loss of life on railroad cars, and in relation to uniforms for employes.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. KIMBALL—To authorise the Albany Union Foundry Company to increase its capital stock.

By Mr. TIGHE—Relative to the canal claims of PATRICK SULBY; also relative to the canal claim of NANCY MORRISON; also a similar claim for PATRICK O'HEARN.

By Mr. STUART—Relative to certain bounty moneys in Mansfield, Cattaraugus County.

By Mr. ROOD—To continue the corporate existence and powers of the Lake Ontario, Auburn and New-York Railroad Company.

By Mr. PATRICK—For the further protection of the merchants in the City of Elmira.

By Mr. PEARSALL—Relative to the assessment of highway labor in Sherburne, Chenango County. Also, to amend the charter of the village of Cortlandt; also, to suppress intemperance, and regulate the general laws with reference to the sale of liquors.

By Mr. HEGEMAN—To regulate the taking of fish from the ponds in Ulster County.

By Mr. GOULD—To better regulate the sanitary condition of all animals.

The bill provides that every car for carrying stock shall have attached to it a water-tight trough, which shall be filled with fresh water three times every twenty-four hours; that all animals must be unloaded every twenty-four hours for rest and f eding.

By Mr. CRANE—To amend the laws relative to practice and pleadings in the Courts of the State. Also, relative to the Surrogate's Court of Orange County.

By Mr. LASHER—Relative to abandoned canals.

By Mr. SMITH—To amend the charter of the village of Flushing.

By Mr. PEARSALL—To amend the charter of Flushing.

By Mr. GLEASON—Relative to highways in Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County.

By Mr. SIKELS—To provide for the construction of a stone wall along the Erie Canal in Middleport.

By Mr. HOWARD—To amend the laws relative to the Capital Police District.

By the SPEAKER—Relative to elections in Milton, Saratoga County.

By Mr. HOYT—To improve the Palmer Falls water power in Saratoga County.

By Mr. CONANT—To provide for more thorough instruction in our language, and in the rules of law governing ordinary business transactions. Also to incorporate Hook and Ladder Company, of Richmond County. Also to raise money for road purposes in Westchester County.

By Mr. HOYT—For relief of D. H. POTTER.

By Mr. MILLER—To change the name of the Dwyna Manufacturing Company, of Seneca Falls.

By Mr. HODGES—Relative to the Keeper of the County Court-house in Brooklyn.

By Mr. CULLEN—To regulate salaries of employes or officers of Kings County.

By Mr. TOWNER—For relief of the Brooklyn and Winfield Railway Company.

By Mr. ALLABEN—To fix terms of office for Kings County Constables.

By Mr. MOSELY—To authorize the construction of a railroad on Washington and other streets in Brooklyn, N. Y.

By Mr. ALLABEN—To amend the Revised Statutes by providing that every instrument required by any person may be subscribed by the agent. Also relative to the Hudson-avenue Railroad Company.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. IRVING—*Whereas*, It has pleased an overruling Providence to remove from this life the late Hon. JAMES T. BRADY, whose great abilities commanded our respect, whose warm and tender sympathy with human suffering so merited our admiration; therefore,

Resolved, That we realize in his death the loss to the State and country of a profound jurist of eminent legal talent and oratorical power.

Resolved, Also, that we enter upon the Journal of the House this record of our respect for his memory, and honor for his great and unrivaled excellencies of character and intellect, and that out of respect to his memory the House adjourn at noon to-day. Carried.

Mr. CALKINS, from the Military Committee, presented a resolution in favor of giving the Cornell University such ordnance stores, camp and garrison equipage as may from time to time be necessary for the instruction of pupils in military tactics. Agreed to.

BILLS PASSED.

To confirm the title of SAMUEL E. SIMONDS to certain lands in Brooklyn. Adjourned.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE WESTPHALIA AND ST. LAURENT.

The steamships *Westphalia*, from Hamburg, Jan. 27, and Havre, Jan. 30, and the *St. Laurent*, from Havre, Jan. 28, and Brest, Jan. 30, reached this port yesterday. The news thus received is later, by three days, than that previously at hand. Capt. TRAUTMANN, of the *Westphalia*, and Capt. LEMAIRE, of the *St. Laurent*, will accept our thanks for courtesies.

The Paris Conference—Full Text of the Protocol.

From the Levant Herald, Jan. 20.

Justly concerned for the dangers which may result from the breach of relations between Turkey and Greece, the Powers who signed the Treaty of 1856 have come to an understanding to make up the quarrel which has arisen between the two States, and, with this view, have authorized their representatives at the Court of His Majesty the Emperor of the French to meet in Conference. After careful consideration of the documents exchanged between the two Governments, the Plenipotentiaries have agreed to regret that, yielding to impulses by which its patriotism has misled it, Greece has given grounds for the complaints preferred by the Porte in its ultimatum of the 29th of last month. In the Ministerial Council on Dec. 11, 1868, to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of his Majesty the King of the Hellenes. It is, in fact, beyond doubt that the principles of the laws of nations require of Greece, as of all other nations, not to permit the recruitment of bands on its territory, nor that ships should be armed in its ports, for the purpose of attacking a neighboring State. Persuaded, besides, that the Cabinet of Athens cannot misunderstand the thought which inspires this appreciation on the part of the protecting Powers of Greece, as on that of the other Powers who signed the treaty of 1856, the Conference declares that it is incumbent on the Hellenic Government to observe for the future in its relations with Turkey the rules of conduct which are common to all Governments, and thus to comply with the demands preferred by the Porte as regards the past by at the same time reassuring it for the future. Greece should, therefore, for the future abstain from favoring or tolerating the formation, within its territory, of all bands meant to act against Turkey, and should take the necessary measures to prevent the armament in its ports of vessels intended to aid, in whatever manner, any attempt at insurrection within the possessions of His Majesty the Sultan.

As regards the private damage incurred by Ottoman subjects, the Cabinet of Athens in no way contests the right of Turkey to recover judicially whatever compensation may be due, and Turkey on its side having accepted the jurisdiction of the Hellenic tribunals; the Plenipotentiaries do not consider themselves called on to investigate crimes, nor to discuss complaints preferred on this point. As to the demand of the Sublime Porte which concerns the return home of the Turkish subjects who have taken refuge on Greek territory, the Conference takes note of the declarations made by the Cabinet of Athens in its note of Dec. 9, and is convinced that it will, so far as depends upon it, facilitate the departure of such of the Cretan families as may wish to return to their country.

The Conference cannot doubt that in presence of the unanimous expression of the opinion of the Plenipotentiaries on the points submitted for their consideration, the Hellenic Government will at once reconcile its acts with the principles which have now been recalled to its recollection, and that the complaints expressed in the ultimatum of the Sublime Porte will be definitely removed.

This declaration will without delay be brought to the knowledge of the Cabinet of Athens, and the Plenipotentiaries feel convinced that the Sublime Porte will abandon the measures announced by it as the result of a rupture of diplomatic relations.

A final sentence concludes with the expression of a hope that friendly relations may soon be re-established between the two States.

THE SMEDICK MURDER.

John Real Convicted of the Murder of Officer Smedick—The Culprit Sentenced to be Hanged—The Assassination of Government Witnesses Threatened.

The trial of JOHN REAL for the murder of Officer SMEDICK, commenced yesterday at 11 A. M., in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, before Judge BARNARD, a jury having been secured the day before. After the first witness for the prosecution was sworn, but before he began his testimony, Judge BARNARD called attention to the fact that it had come to the knowledge of the officers of the law and the Court, that some of the witnesses for the prosecution had received notice that if they testified in this case, they would be assassinated before leaving the building. He called upon the up-town crowd to remember that this thing was known to the authorities, and that any such acts on their part would result in demonstrating that violence could not prevail in this Republican Government.

The first witness called for the prosecution was EDWARD CARPENTER, who testified as follows:

I reside in Wayne County, Penn.; passed up First-avenue and past Real, near Thirty-second-street, on the night of July 23; saw a man standing behind a coal-box, on the north side of Thirty-second-street; after passing him met a policeman walking close up to the houses; when he had passed the policeman about twenty feet, he heard a shot; saw the officer apparently on one knee, and the prisoner standing over him, and saw him shoot again; saw the pistol in the prisoner's hand, and saw the flash from the revolver.

[Here Judge Stewart said there was no question about the identity of the prisoner.]

Cross-examined—The Court charged in relation to cross-examination of the witness as to what he had been doing for a week previous, that it was unimportant, to which counsel excepted. The coal-box was the corner, but could not say whether it was on Thirty-second-street or in the avenue; thinks it was on the avenue; in about an hour after the shooting, heard from Mrs. THOMPSON of the murder; one lady said, "He'll swing, won't he?" the other answered, "He hadn't ought to, for he had been after him for some time, and he got what he deserved;" after that he went toward the river and crawled into a wood-pile, where he remained until morning; met with an officer, to whom he communicated his knowledge, and the officer took him to the Station-house; at the time the officer and accused were in contact he heard no words pass between them.

Redirect—Witness was going up the avenue and the Police officer was coming down; has not seen the man who was Thirty-second-street, the man who stood behind it, stood up straight, and appeared to have his vest unbuttoned and his hands apparently crossed on his breast.

By Judge Stewart—Could not say if it was moonlight or starlight, or whether it was cloudy or clear; knows the gas was burning; the officer was a good-sized man; could not say whether his coat was buttoned or not; he passed the man at the coal-box as he would pass any other man, the man saying or doing nothing to him; he passed up the avenue on the west side, and the box was on the north side of Thirty-second-street.

Officer James Meade—Was on duty on the night of the murder in Thirty-second-street, between First and Second avenues; heard two pistol-shots; saw a person went in that direction and met the prisoner coming toward him; told him to stop; prisoner told him to go away or he would shoot him; grabbed for him and he got away; followed him up Thirty-second-street, through an alley way into Thirty-third-street, and then through Second-avenue into to Thirty-fourth-street, where he arrested him; on arresting him asked him what he had done; the prisoner answered he had shot Smedick; at the station prisoner told the Captain and Sergeant that he had shot Smedick; he was then asked if the officer was dead, and he answered that if he was not dead it was not his (the prisoner's) fault; saw the deceased's pistol taken from him; his wounds were in the back of the head.

Henry Beekman, No. 509 First-avenue, about a block above Thirty-second-street—Was a grocer's clerk, and standing at his door about half-past ten, saw the officer pass down on the west side toward Thirty-second-street; as the policeman got near Thirty-second-street he saw a man come from behind a coal-box and fire at the officer; at the first shot the officer turned a little around, and at the second shot he fell; after falling, a third shot was fired.

Cross-examined by Mr. Phelps—His store was between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, two doors from Thirty-third-street; the officer spoke to him in passing, and then went on slowly toward Thirty-second-street; watched the officer until he was shot; the coal-box was right on the corner of Thirty-second-street; saw the pistol fired three times; did not see the man who fired until the firing of the first shot; didn't know whether anything took place or not between the officer and the man who fired before the firing of the shot; after the shooting he saw the man who did it run around the corner into Thirty-second-street, toward Second-avenue; didn't see any person run up the avenue at the time the shots were fired; knew Smedick; he was always on that post; remained at the door about five minutes after the firing, and then went in and remained all night; spoke to no one about it until a policeman came in the next morning about eight o'clock to inquire if he had seen anything; several persons were in the store that morning, and he conversed with three, to none of whom spoke about it, and he spoke to none of them about it before the officer; don't know the name of the officer who came to him, but identified him in Court; was then taken to the Station-house and sworn, and there told the same story as now; the shots were fired directly the one after the other; he saw the policeman all the time until he got to the corner of Thirty-second-street; had seen the prisoner around his neighborhood before that night; did not see him go down the avenue after the policeman that night; did not see him that night.

Daniel Maskell—Knows Real for five or six years; saw him that night in William Sheas' dining-saloon, corner of First-avenue and Thirty-fourth-street; does not know the time; did not see him elsewhere that evening.

John Hyland described the position of the coal-box, the firing of the shots, and identified the prisoner as the man who shot; could not see Smedick; witness came out of the front door of the liquor store corner Thirty-second-street and First-avenue; heard the shot and came directly out on Second-avenue; saw the man fire one shot, and then advance and fire again; he then passed around the corner into Thirty-second-street with the pistol still in his hand; the witness followed him until he took the alley or hallway.

William H. McConnell, Sergeant, Thirty-first Precinct—Was in the Station-house, Thirty-fifth-street, near Third-avenue; deceased was patrolman.

This witness testified to news coming to the Station-house of the shooting. The Captain and a squad going out to look after the matter, and in the mean time the prisoner was brought in by officer Meade. Witness inquired who committed the shooting? and the prisoner without being asked directly, answered: "I did it—I tried to." An attempt by the prosecution to prove by this witness the condition of the officer's pistol, was ruled out by the Court. He then testified to the prisoner's pistol having five chambers empty and one loaded; he did not know if the five barrels discharged had been discharged recently; the pistol was a six-shooter; did not know who took the pistol from the body of Smedick, nor did he know who did so; the officer killed spelled his name "Smedick;" never learned from the deceased if there had been any difficulty between prisoner and him.

Officer McKean testified to being on the ground about fifteen minutes after hearing the first shot; described the position in which he found the deceased lying on the walk; the pistol of the deceased was found in the hip pocket of his trowsers; he heard three shots; when he took the pistol from him he found all the chambers loaded.

Cross-examined by Judge Steward—Saw Real on Thirty-first-street, between First-avenue and the river, about fifteen minutes before the murder; saw Real and Smedick in the Station-house about fifteen days before; Real had marks of violence then; Smedick had none; Smedick had brought Real in on that occasion with the assistance of another officer. The attempt to show the cause of Real's arrest on this occasion was ruled out.

Capt. Allaire—Was not in the Station-house when Smedick was brought in; went out on hearing of his being shot; on his way met Officer Meade coming with Real; went back and saw him safely in the Station-house; then went out again to make inquiry about Smedick, and on his return found Real at the bar; asked if he shot Smedick; the prisoner said he did, and added something like "I tried hard," or "it's not my fault if I didn't." This witness testified as to the condition of Real's pistol; did not know who took the pistol from deceased; did not remember his presence in the Station-house in connection with the deceased; did not of his own knowledge know of a difficulty between the prisoner and deceased. In answer to the question whether in speaking to him (witness) if prisoner (Smedick) did not speak in harsh and violent terms, he he answered that when he did speak of him it was in an official capacity.

Officer Philip Lambright—Was on the corner of Thirty-first-street and Third-avenue; testified to hearing the three shots; saw the crowd running in pursuit of a man toward Thirty-fourth-street; found the prisoner in charge of Officer Meade; asked the prisoner what he had done; he answered he had satisfaction and didn't care a damn; then asked who had satisfaction of and he answered, "Bourbon Jim," which was a nickname for Smedick; prisoner also said he "put three balls in deceased, and if he didn't kill him it wasn't his fault;" prisoner also made the same admission in the Station-house; thinks Sergt. MCDONALD and Officer Meade must have heard the same remark; on the way to the Station-house a friend of the prisoner came behind him and said, "Johnny, I told you not to do that, you have got yourself into a nice scrape;" the prisoner answered, "I don't care, I have satisfaction."

Dr. Beach testified to the wounds on deceased, either one of which was sufficient to produce death.

Ex-Judge Stewart then opened the case for the defence, in which he admitted the shooting by the prisoner, and death of Smedick thereby. The defence admitted the killing, but denied the circumstances attending the act. He would show the prisoner to be a peaceful citizen, never having had a word of quarrel with any citizen or any officer in the city or ward in which he was born and lived, save only this man Smedick. By him the prisoner had been pursued, hunted down and beaten unmercifully for no cause. The prisoner would be presented before them with but one fault; occasional drink sometimes carried to such an extent as to result in *delirium tremens*. This combined with a deep sense of wrong committed against him by the officer, and meeting the officer accidentally that night, and the officer either renewing the assault, or, prisoner having a well-grounded apprehension that the officer intended to assault, led to the shooting of the officer in *self-defence*. That is all he should believe that he was not guilty of murder, if indicted, but that he never for a moment contemplated, in the act, they then could bring the act within the definition of manslaughter in the second degree. The first witness then called on the part of the defence was Patrick Cogan, a Police officer, who testified that he knew the accused; knew that he was engaged in watching a vessel in the East River in July last; saw him on the vessel, and he told him he was watching it; saw a revolver with him. Adams knows the prisoner was engaged in company with Real, in watching a vessel in June and July; had a pistol for that purpose. The vessel was the barge *Franklin*, seized for having an illicit still on board; he relieved me on watch the night of the murder; the vessel was at the foot of Thirty-first-street; was considered a faithful watchman.

Bernard McGill—Knows both prisoner and deceased; had a conversation about prisoner in July or thereabouts; witness was going up the avenue, and Smedick called him back; told him I saw Real; he said if he was out he would have him back before twelve o'clock that night; witness asked why he did not make up with Real; that he (Real) had no hard feelings against him; deceased replied, "No, I'll run the ——— to death; I told this to Real and cautioned him to keep out of the officer's way; this was several weeks before the killing; knew of other difficulties between the accused and deceased.

John McDonough—Knew both prisoner and Smedick. The offer here by the defence to prove the causeless arrest and brutal beating of the prisoner by deceased, on the 6th of July, two weeks before the shooting, as tending in its results to create in the mind of the prisoner a reasonable apprehension of similar violence at the hands of the officer on his approach that night, was ruled out by Court, and ruling excepted to.

William J. Shields, No. 581 First-avenue: Saw both Real and Smedick that night; saw Smedick first; was going toward Thirty-third-street; about six minutes after Real passed along; thought it was the only place because they were after him, and they would put him out of the way; witness told him he had been drinking too much, that was the only trouble, and invited him to go along with him; they went some distance, when the prisoner grabbed him and told him he was all on fire; I thought he had the horrors, and told him to come in and take a drink, when almost immediately the prisoner said, "There they come after me now," and darted across Broadway; there was no one coming after him that he knew of.

Thomas Meehare saw the prisoner that afternoon and at six o'clock that evening; went up to Jones' Wood and went in to take a drink; the prisoner took a glass of beer and then laid it down on the counter, and said he wasn't going to drink any more with those fellows; prisoner went in bathing, and they found difficulty in getting him to leave the water; the prisoner objected very strongly, and wanted us to pull over to the Penitentiary so that he might see in what cell they were going to put him.

Patrick McCauley knows Real; is familiar with his habits for fifteen or sixteen years. Here an offer to prove his habitual habit of drinking, which lead to that form of insanity known as *delirium tremens*. This the Court ruled out, but would permit proof that he had *delirium tremens* immediately before the killing.

Defence then offered to prove the beating of the accused at various times by the officer, which was ruled out as being too remote.

Henry Real knows the prisoner; was in New-York on the evening of the killing; about 10 o'clock at night, on passing down First-avenue, near Thirty-second-street, at that corner, he heard a discussion, two men struggle; heard a shot fired and saw a man fall; the larger of the two men seemed to have his hand raised, and apparently having a club in it; after the shot a crowd of people coming to the scene, and, not wishing to get into trouble, left and went down the avenue; he heard two shots fired in rapid succession.

After an elaborate and forcible summing up on both sides, Judge BARNARD charged the jury in substance as follows:

JUDGE BARNARD'S CHARGE.

Murder in the first degree was the killing of a human being with malice aforethought, either express or implied, not only proven but admitted. To take the crime out of the statute of murder it was necessary to show circumstances tending to justify or excuse—or that the killing was the result of accident. It was for them to weigh the testimony tending to show a scuffle between the parties, and his place to state to them the law applicable thereto. If they were satisfied there was such a scuffle, and that the prisoner was in danger of great bodily harm at the hands of the accused, or believed he was in such danger, those circumstances would form an excuse, and reduce the crime from that of manslaughter in the fourth degree. Any doubt of facts tending to prove guilt or the degree of guilt was the property of the accused, and he was entitled to the benefit of it. If, however, no such exculpatory circumstances were shown, it was their duty as jurors and good citizens to find a verdict of guilty promptly. The responsibility was divided among them; the responsibility afterward came on him singly. And as citizens they were desirous of seeing the laws in this large City properly executed, obeyed and carried out, it became their duty as such to aid the criminal officers by every means in their power, by finding such verdict as the evidence will warrant. Unless the community is assured that they can find a jury to which they can confidently appeal, the laws must fail to be executed, and they resolve itself into a mob. Listening to no outside clamor, swayed by no considerations of sympathy either for the accused or his victim, they must render a just verdict according to the facts and the law. The guardians of the peace must be protected, and if they should decide by their verdict that they may be shot down with impunity, they ought to know it, so that down with impunity, they ought to know it, so that they may seek some other calling where the risk is less. The jury retired at 8:35 P. M.

THE VERDICT.

At about 11 o'clock the jury came in and took their seats amid the profound stillness of the crowded Court-room. The Clerk having called their names, the usual question was put, and the foreman answered:

"We find the prisoner at the bar guilty of murder, and recommend him to the mercy of the Court."

The District-Attorney moved for sentence.

Ex-Judge Stuart thereupon moved to have the sentence suspended, so that the case might be taken to the appellate Court upon a bill of exceptions.

Judge Barnard said the motion must be denied. The verdict was as lenient as the prisoner, under all the circumstances, had any reason to expect. The sentence which the District-Attorney had moved, would be passed upon the prisoner there and then. But it would make no particular difference, because it must come at some time. The object of imposing the legal sentence then was mainly to convince the lawless of this City that the Courts are in earnest to prevent the commission of crime, and the only way to exemplify this is to visit prompt punishment. Entertaining such views he was reluctantly compelled to give the following

SENTENCE.

"The sentence of the Court is that you, John Real, be taken hence to the City Prison; that you be there store that month, the 24 day of April next, on which day, between the hours of 9 and 11 A. M., you be hanged by the neck until you are dead."

A Police force of about two hundred men, posted in and around the Court, and when the prisoner was taken out, the doors were closed and guarded, keeping in the motley crowd which had remained to the last, including reporters, spectators, jurors, lawyer and Judge—and conveying an impressive assurance to the former that the Judge meant to be as good as his word, if any violence had been attempted.

The Funeral of James T. Brady.

The Committee appointed by the meeting of the Bar, held on the 9th inst., request that the members of the Bar attend at the late residence of Mr. JAMES T. BRADY, No. 134 West Twenty-third-street, on Thursday morning, at 9:30 o'clock, to accompany the remains to the Cathedral.

Police Inspector Appointed.

The Board of Police Commissioners held a meeting yesterday morning, and agreed in the appointment of Capt. WM. JAMESON, now in command of the First Precinct Police, to fill the position of Inspector rendered vacant by the recent death of the lamented LEONARD.

ESCAPE OF BURGLARS.

Three Convicted Burglars Make Their Escape—One Recaptured After a Sharp Chase—One of the Friends Held as an Accessory.

In our law reports will be found set forth the fact that in the Court of General Sessions, yesterday morning, CHARLES SMITH, JAMES JONES and THOMAS MOORE were arraigned before Recorder HACKETT and a jury on a charge of having committed a burglary in the cutlery store No. 20 Cliff-street, having been arrested by the Sixth Ward Police while in possession of the $8,000 worth of pocket-knives stolen from the store. All three were convicted, JONES being sentenced to the State Prison for five years, and the two others for four years and nine months each. The convicts were subsequently handcuffed together and placed in charge of THOS. JACKSON, one of the Court officers, for the purpose of taking them to the Tombs. The officer followed his prisoners to the corner of Centre and Duane streets, when JACKSON states he was surrounded by a large crowd of men, all evidently friendly to the three convicts, who were lavish in their display of knives and pistols, at the same time using threatening language toward him. MOORE then slipped his hand from the handcuff and ran off. JACKSON then gave the other

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And the holders of the notes of this Association and other creditors thereof are hereby notified to present said notes and other claims against this Association at the banking-house of said Association in the City of Troy.
Dated TROY, Dec. 31, 1868.
By order of the Board of Directors.
FRS. SIMS, Cashier.
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DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN R. R. CO., GENERAL OFFICE, No. 28 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR OFFICERS and Managers of this Company for the ensuing year, will be held at this office, on TUESDAY, the 2d day of February inst., at 12 o'clock M.
The polls will be open between 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
The transfer books will be closed from the evening of the 28 inst. until the morning of the 24th inst.
By order of the Board of Managers.
CHARLES E. CARRYL, Secretary.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO, Jan. 29, 1869.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of February next, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.
The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Feb. 6 until Feb. 18.
GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

ELECTION.
OFFICE OF THE MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 30, 1869.
The annual election for Directors of this Company, also for three Inspectors of Election, will be held at the office of this Company, No. 198 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Feb. 16, 1869, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
WM. A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

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FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.—REGULAR LINE.—The fast and popular steamship SARAGOSSA, C. RYDER, Commander, will be dispatched on THURSDAY, Feb. 11, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River. Through passage reduced to $15. Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest. Agents in Charleston (LAVENEL & CO.) forward all goods free of commission.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the opening of One Hundred and Twenty-third-street from Eighth-avenue to Mount Morris-square in the City of New-York. Pursuant to statutes in such case made and provided, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, hereby give notice that they intend to apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at the City Hall, in the City of New-York, on the 26th day of February, 1869, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter; that the nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the opening of One Hundred and Twenty-third-street from Eighth-avenue to Mount Morris-square, in said City, as laid out on the map or plan of said City, under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the people of the State of New-York, entitled "An act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New-York, and for other purposes," passed April 3, 1807. RICHARD O'GORMAN,
Counsel to the Corporation.
Dated NEW-YORK, Feb. 3, 1869.

RAILROADS.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.
Leave James-slip 8:30 A. M., Mail train for Greenport, and all Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove; 3 P. M., Express, River Head; 4 P. M., Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove; 5:30 P. M., Farmingdale and way stations. All trains connect with Branch to Hempstead. Sunday train at 9 A. M. from Hunter's Point for Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove.
L. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 23, 1868, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:
8 A. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Rutland and North. Drawing-room cars attached from New-York to Rochester, connecting with the sleeping cars for the West, via either North or South Shore Line.
10 A. M. Express Train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
11:30 A. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for the West. Drawing-room car attached to this train through to Troy.
3:30 P. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, with drawing-room car attached, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping car attached.
4:30 P. M. Express Train via Harlem Railroad, for Albany and Troy, connecting at Albany with Western trains. Sleeping cars attached at Albany.
9 P. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping cars every day, except Saturdays, without change, to Rome, Oswego and O. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping cars attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad at 9 A. M. from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 9 A. M. Returning, leaves Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving in New-York at 9:25.
Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:40 P. M. Returning, leaves Millerton at 4:30 P. M., arriving at New-York at 9 P. M.
WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

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8 A. M. Day Express for Rochester, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South.
8:30 A. M. Way Train, daily, for Otisville and intermediate stations.
10 A. M. Express Mail, for Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati and all points West and South.
3:15 P. M. Way Train, for Middletown and intermediate stations.
4 P. M. Way Express, stopping only at Sterling Junction, Turner's, and stations west of Turner's, (except Oxford,) to Newburg, Warwick, Monigomery, Unionville and Port Jervis.
5 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
6 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
9:30 P. M. Night Express, daily, for all points West and South. By this train sleeping coaches will run through to Buffalo, Rochester and Cincinnati, without change.
8 P. M. Emigrant Train, daily, for the West.
Also Way Trains for Rutherford Park, Passaic and Patterson at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M., and 1:45, 4:15, 6:30 and 11:30 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.
SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otisville; 1:45 P. M., for Paterson; 6:30 P. M. Night Express, for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South; 8 P. M. Emigrant and Way Train; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.
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BY THE OLD FALL RIVER LINE,
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NEW-YORK, Aug. 19, 1868. No. 73 Broadway, N. Y.

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VERY DESIRABLE INVESTMENT.
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The property is located upon one of the most beautiful spots on this Island, and can be purchased cheaper than any other large plot now offered for sale.
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FOR SALE—WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESsion, one or more of those superior four-story high-stoop brown-stone houses on the north side of 54th-st., 100 feet east of Madison-av., 22x65; lot 22x100.5 feet; parlors, front basement, halls and stairs all finished in hard wood. For further particulars inquire of the owner, JOHN C. SARES, on the premises, or at office, No. 122 West 50th-st.

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FOR SALE—THE TWO-STORY AND BASEment brick house, with adjoining lot, on north side of 30th-st., 200ft. west of Boulevard-place. Also, Nos. 324, 326 and 328 West 36th-st., south side, between 8th and 9th avs. Also, the southwest corner of 33d-st. and 2d-av. Apply to ROBERT I. BROWN, No. 102 Broadway.

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FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY basement brown-stone front house and lot, No. 1 Livingston-place, northeast corner of 15th-st, opposite Stuyvesant-square; house 27.6x55; lot 27.6x97.
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MLLE. JOSEPHINA FILOMENO,
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GRANT AND COLFAX.

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bert in the appeal. [Laughter and encouragement from the Senatorial side of the Chamber.]

Mr. BUTLER (persistently)—Does the Chair hold as a matter of order that the Senate can overrule this House.

Cries of "Order! order!" from the Senatorial side of the Chamber, and encouragement from the opposite side.]

Mr. FARNSWORTH—I rise to a question of order.

Mr. BUTLER (without allowing Mr. FARNSWORTH to go any further with his question of order, and pushing his coat-sleeves up to his elbows, as if preparing for an encounter, and determined to hold his own in it, went on to say)—I do not understand that the representatives of the people can be so overruled. [Loud shouts of order.] I raise the question of order, Sir, that the decision of the Senate shall not overrule the orders and resolutions of this House, and I knew that I therein speak the sentiments of the House, (turning to the members around him)—Do I not? [Conflicting declarations of "He does" and "He does not," and increasing confusion and excitement.] Now, Sir, he continued, addressing the presiding officer, who seemed overpowered by the impetuosity of the attack, and was silently wishing to be back again in the quiet and sedate Senate Chamber)—Shall we have this unseemly scene?

The Presiding Officer only answered that debate was not in order.

Mr. BUTLER (growing more impetuous and less respectful)—I am not debating it, Sir. No arbitrary proceedings will be suffered here.

The PRESIDING OFFICER—If the gentleman is not debating, he will take his seat.

This palpable hit drew forth laughter and applause, which seemed to inspire the presiding officer with fresh courage to meet and resist the attack.

Mr. BUTLER—I am not debating. I appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (curtly)—The appeal is not entertained.)

Mr. BUTLER (in an appealing though by no means tender mood)—I appeal from that decision.

The Presiding Officer, deaf to all such appeals, again directed the tellers to go on with the count.

Mr. BUTLER persisted in addressing the chair.

Mr. WOOD inquired whether there was not a Sergeant-at-Arms attached to this body, and expressed the hope that if there was he should exercise his authority.

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The Speaker overruled the question of order, stating that the House of Representatives has a [illegible] to call in the appeal. [Laughter and encouragement from the Senatorial side of the Chamber.]

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This palpable hit drew forth laughter and applause, which seemed to inspire the presiding officer with fresh courage to meet and resist the attack.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER (curtly)—The appeal is not entertained.)

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The Presiding Officer, deaf to all such appeals, again directed the tellers to go on with the count.

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Mr. WOOD inquired whether there was not a Sergeant-at-Arms attached to this body, and expressed the hope that if there was he should exercise his authority.

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The presiding officer replied that it was not.

Mr. INGERSOLL, coming to the aid of Mr. BUTLER, said: I object to any further proceedings on the part of this body until that appeal is entertained and action had on it by this body.

The PRESIDING OFFICER—The teller will declare the vote.

Mr. INGERSOLL—An appeal has been taken.

The PRESIDING OFFICER—An appeal cannot be taken.

Mr. BUTLER—Mr. President—

The PRESIDING OFFICER—The gentleman from Massachusetts will resume his seat. [Great confusion and excitement.] The gentleman from Massachusetts will come to order.

Mr. BUTLER (deffantly)—I am in order, Sir. Mr. President, I desire the reading of the joint rule on the counting of the vote, which expressly states that a vote which is objected to cannot be counted except by the concurrent vote of both Houses. This House has voted that it cannot concur.

Mr. COVODE (encouragingly)—That is the point.

Mr. BUTLER—Now, I do not know any power that the President of the Senate has to overrule the rule and the resolution of the House.

The Presiding Officer, persisting in never minding Mr. BUTLER, again called upon the tellers to perform their duties under the cocnurrent resolution.

Mr. INGERSOLL—I object.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER—I can't help that. (Shouts of laughter.)

Mr. INGERSOLL—I object, and now the Senate can retire to consider that objection. [Cries of "Order, order," and great excitement.]

Mr. BURTON (aside)—The Senate is a very angust body, but it can't rule here.

Mr. ELDRIDGE (jocularly)—Would it be in order to let us have peace. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. BUTLER [who had not during all this turmoil taken his seat)—I again insist upon my appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER—The Chair has decided that an appeal cannot be entertained in this joint Convention.

Mr. BUTLER—From that decision I take an appeal.

The PRESIDING OFFICER—The Chair decides that in the same way. [Shouts of laughter.]

Mr. VAN HORNE, of Missouri, made a point of order, that after the retiring of the Senate, on the objection of the gentleman from Massachusetts, there has been no report made as to the action of both Houses, and that they could not proceed until a full report could be made.

Several Members—That is a good point of order. That is right.

The PRESIDENT (not minding the point of order) —The votes have all been counted, and a statement of them will be made by the tellers under the concurrent resolution.

Mr. DRIGGS—I move that the Convention adjourn.

Mr. BUTLER—Let us have the House to ourselves! [Laughter and applause.] I respectfully move, Sir, that the Senate have leave to retire. [Clapping of hands and manifestations of encouragement from the members surrounding him.

Senator DOOLITTLE—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. Everything except the execution of the joint rule of both Houses is out of order, and I demand that the order of both Houses shall now be executed.

Mr. VAN HORN—Mr. President, I demand a decision on the point of ord which I have made.

Mr. DICKEY—I desire to make an inquiry of the Chair whether it is competent for the Senate to decide a question of order in this Joint Convention.

The PRESIDING OFFICER—That is no question.

Mr. INGERSOLL—Mr. President, there must be some misunderstanding in reference to the question. At this time it is not generally understood here by the members of the House.

Senator DOOLITTLE—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. (Loud cries of "order," "order," from the opposite side of the House.) My point of order is—— (Renewed shouts of order.) Mr. President—— (Shouts of "order," "order," from the opposite side.)

The presiding officer declared that everything was out of order. [Laughter.]

Mr. BROWNELL, of Illinois—Mr. President, I want to know—and there are a half dozen here who want to know—what authority you have to deny the right of appeal in this Convention.

The PRESIDING OFFICER—We are proceeding under the concurrent resolution of both bodies, which has declared how this vote shall be proceeded with.

Mr. BROOMALL—But does the concurrent resolution prescribe who shall determine what is in order or what is out of order?

No response, except a knock from the gavel, was made to this question.

Mr. BANKS, making an attempt to throw oil on the troubles waters, added love to make a suggestion, which, he thought, would relieve the Convention from the difficulty in which it was placed.

Mr. ELDRIDGE objected, saying that he wanted a free fight, and that if everybody was going to pitch in, they should all have an equally fair chance.

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